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Time up for state tax on drug dealers?

One penalized for not paying odd levy says it's double jeopardy

By **Edmund H. Mahony**
Hartford Courant

A onetime small-time drug dealer appears to be close to overturning an odd state tax law that hardly anyone knows or seems to care about.

The “Act Imposing a Tax on Marijuana or any Controlled Substance Produced, Transported, or Acquired by a Dealer,” was enacted by the legislature in 1991, one of a spate of laws enacted in Hartford and elsewhere as a response to the drug-fueled violence then tearing up U.S. cities. It requires drug dealers to appear at the state Department of Revenue Services to pay a tax on their inventories — on the heroin, cocaine, marijuana, stolen pain

-pills and other illicit substances they intend to sell illegally. For the drug dealers who don’t comply and are later caught, there are exorbitant penalty and interest provisions written into the law, which can increase the tax obligation eight times or more above the street value of the illegal drugs. Not surprisingly, few, if any, drug dealers bought tax stamps. One reason could be that they, like a lot of others, didn’t know about the law. Even Mark Boughton, state

Commissioner of Revenue Services, was unaware until checking with his staff after a recent inquiry. “It’s news to me,” he said. The law enables police agencies and prosecutors to refer suspected tax-dodging drug dealers to the tax department, which is what happened to Randy Weinberg. He claims his tax obligation — with its wage garnishment, asset seizure and real estate attachment — was so onerous, he couldn’t support himself legitimately after getting

out of prison and enrolling in college. Impoverishment, he said, forced him back to drug dealing and eventually to prison — twice. Weinberg sued the state and is challenging the law as unconstitutional — his principal claim being that the law isn’t a tax, but a means of punishing drug dealers twice for the same crime, a violation of the Constitution’s protection against double jeopardy. This month, U.S.

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Mike Delisle gets a kiss from Henry, his service dog, in his Colchester home. Delisle, a tetraplegic who was injured in a dirt bike race in 2016, was matched with Henry by NEADS, a service-dog organization based in Princeton, Massachusetts. **CLOE POISSON/SPECIAL TO THE COURANT**

Thirty adorable Lab puppies need trainers

Volunteers sought to prepare future service animals

By **Susan Dunne**
Hartford Courant

The eight-week-old puppies from NEADS World Class Service Dogs may look like average frisky Labrador retrievers, but these cuties have an important purpose. The dogs will have careers helping people with physical, neurological and psychological special needs go through their day-to-day lives. They need proper training, however. The Massachusetts-based NEADS is expanding and needs volunteer puppy raisers as soon as possible. The nonprofit wants to recruit Connecticut residents to take the playful pups home and devote 12 to 16 months to turn them



NEADS World Class Service Dogs, based in Massachusetts, is seeking Connecticut families who can be volunteer full-time puppy raisers. **COURTESY NEADS WORLD CLASS SERVICE DOGS**

“They want to be out and about helping people. It’s like sending off kids to college. You miss them, love them, are proud of them, but you look forward to seeing what they do.”

— *Rachel Gould, volunteer puppy raiser*

into disciplined companion animals. “Those who we serve the first are people who are physically disabled, in a wheelchair, using a cane. ... The second [are] people with hearing loss. The third are children who have autism. The last are veterans who suffer from PTSD,” said Domenic Cornacchioli,

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WAR IN UKRAINE

Mariupol on the edge of collapse

Ukrainian defenders holding out, reject Russian ultimatum

By **Adam Schreck** and **Mstyslav Chernov**
Associated Press

KYIV, Ukraine — Ukrainian fighters holed up in a steel plant in the last known pocket of resistance inside the shattered city of Mariupol ignored a surrender-or-die ultimatum from the Russians on Sunday and held out against the capture of the strategically vital port. The fall of Mariupol, the site of a merciless, 7-week-old siege that has reduced much of the city to a smoking ruin, would be Moscow’s biggest victory of the war yet and free up troops to take part in a potentially climactic battle for control of Ukraine’s industrial east. As its missiles and rockets slammed into other parts of the country, Russia estimated 2,500 Ukrainian troops and about 400 foreign mercenaries were dug in at the hulking Azovstal steel mill, which covers more than 4 square miles and is laced with tunnels. Moscow gave the defenders a midday deadline to surrender, saying those who laid down their arms were “guaranteed to keep their lives.” The Ukrainians rejected it, just as they did with previous ultimatums. “We will fight absolutely to the end, to the win, in this war,” Ukrainian Prime Minister Denys Shmyhal vowed on ABC’s “This Week.” He said Ukraine is prepared to end the war through diplomacy if possible, “but we do not have intention to surrender.” Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy sent Easter greetings via Twitter, saying: “The Lord’s Resurrection is a testimony to the victory of life over death, good over evil.” If Mariupol falls, Russian forces there are expected to join an all-out offensive in the coming days for control of the Donbas, the eastern industrial region that the Kremlin is bent on capturing after failing in its bid to take Kyiv, Ukraine’s capital. The relentless bombardment

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Amusement parks opening

Amusement-park season is back. Quassy in Middlebury, Lake Compounce in Bristol and Six Flags New England in Agawam, Massachusetts, all open this month. **CONNECTICUT, PAGE 1**

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More school districts adding Hindu, Muslim holidays

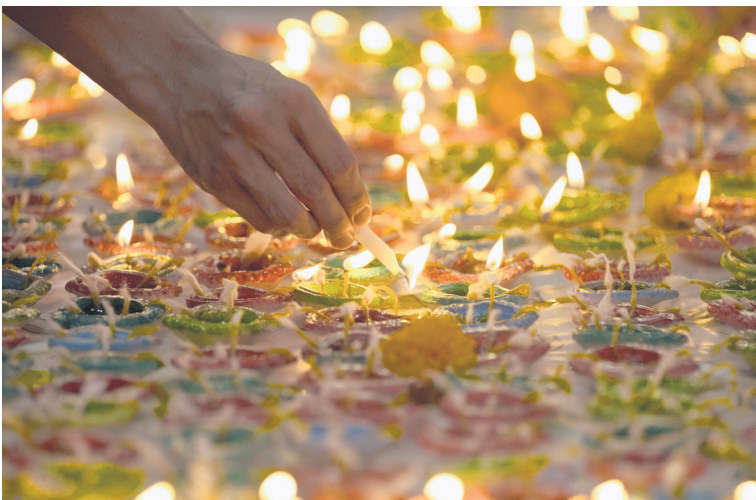
Nontraditional choices gaining acceptance

By **Don Stacom**
Hartford Courant

Newington this month declared Diwali an official school holiday, and Bridgeport did the same with Eid-al-Fitr, the latest in a tiny but growing number of nontraditional holidays gaining acceptance in the state’s public school systems. The majority of Connecticut schools still take relatively few religious holidays: The Christian holidays of Christmas and Good Friday are both official state holidays, and educators often merge them into longer winter or spring recesses.

Other districts have added the Jewish holidays of Yom Kippur and Rosh Hashanah, but that’s far from universal. The Farmington Valley towns, for instance, are closed for those holidays, but most other Greater Hartford communities including Bloomfield, New Britain, Wethersfield, Vernon, Windsor, Granby, Bristol, Manchester and others hold regular classes. Only within the past decade have the Muslim holiday of Eid al-Fitr and the Hindu and Sikh holiday of Diwali begun gaining acceptance, and even then it’s largely been in communities with large and growing Muslim, Hindu or Sikh populations.

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Diwali is one of Hinduism’s most important festivals, dedicated to the worship of the goddess of wealth, Lakshmi. **SAKCHAI LALIT/AP**

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Tax law

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District Judge Janet Hall seemed to agree, concluding in a written decision that the suit is likely to succeed and denying the state’s attempt to have it dismissed.

“The way I read her order is that, the judge is telling us that if you can prove the facts, you win,” Weinberg’s lawyer, Cameron Atkinson, said.

Last June, after legalizing the use of marijuana, the legislature retroactively repealed the tax law as it applies to marijuana. That doesn’t help Weinberg, who says in his suit that he was selling OxyContin pills, a powerful pain medication.

Weinberg claims his ordeal began in 1998. He was convicted of a drug offense and served time for that, as well as for a probation violation in 2001. A year later, still in prison, the tax department notified him that he was being assessed more than \$60,000 in taxes, penalties and interest.

This was a surprise to Weinberg, who asserts in his suit that he “talked to fellow inmates who were also incarcerated for drug dealing, and they all told him that they had never heard of such a tax and that he was the only one that they had ever heard of being assessed for it.”

Weinberg claims the tax department told him that no matter “what he did, they would get the money one way or another.”

Upon release in 2004, Weinberg said in his

suit, “he attempted to turn his life around, attending college, maintaining a 4.0 GPA, getting a job, and avoiding folks who had historically had a bad influence on him.” Then, he said, the state garnished his wages, taking a part of his weekly paycheck and leaving him with less than \$200 a week to live on.

“With no other options after more than four years of living under this burden,” the suit says, “Mr. Weinberg turned back to dealing drugs again in an effort to meet his basic human needs.”

He was arrested and convicted again in 2010.

Once again, the suit says, Weinberg tried to go straight, but the tax department would “not let him be.”

By then, penalties and interest had more than doubled the tax assessment to \$124,344.38. He was served with a tax warrant, which allowed the state to “seize” \$1,000 from his bank account and a lien was put on his house.

“They have also threatened to garnish his wages to the point of leaving him unable to meet his basic human needs again,” the suit says.

The federal courts, where Weinberg sued, are generally prohibited from interfering with the ability of the states to administer their tax laws. An exception is when a state tax law is determined to have more in common with punishment than revenue collection. In declining to dismiss Weinberg’s suit, Hall said she believes his argument that the state law was written as a

punishment.

Members of the legislature conceded as much during debate on the tax. One said, “The collection of money is part of the process; that’s true. A more important part of this legislation is really to put a crimp in the operation of the drug dealer.” Another argued for the bill, saying, “I think the concept is good because what you’re doing is you’re double-whacking the offender.”

Weinberg argued and Hall agreed that another aspect of the law’s punitive nature is that its only practical application is against convicted drug dealers.

What’s more, Hall said the punitive nature of the law is suggested by the fact that Weinberg is being hit with a tax assessment, interest, penalty and fines that make what he owes eight times higher than the value of his drugs — drugs which he no longer possesses because they were seized and destroyed before the tax was assessed.

Attorney General William Tong’s office argued that a divided state Supreme Court rejected an argument identical to Weinberg’s in 1995. In that case, a Colebrook businessman was assessed a \$552,802.04 tax on a half-pound of cocaine.

A Superior Court dismissed the tax assessment, finding that it was a successive punishment for drug dealing and double jeopardy. The Supreme Court reversed the lower court, acknowledging that the tax was “intended to some extent to act as a deterrent,” but that it was also supposed to “address tax evasion in an underground economy.”

Hall said the tax in Weinberg’s case “crosses that line” separating tax from punishment and amounts to double jeopardy.

A Tong spokeswoman said, “We are reviewing the decision and evaluating next steps.”

Within days of issuing her decision, dated March 31, Hall ordered the parties to meet quickly with another judge and try to settle the suit.

Should the law ultimately be found unconstitutional, as similar laws in other states have been, it won’t make much difference.

It has been enforced only haphazardly. In the 1990s, it was used enthusiastically in Madison, where the wife of a police sergeant worked for the Department of Revenue Services.

“Madison is being more diligent than most municipalities,” a spokeswoman for the tax department said at the time.

Madison’s efforts notwithstanding, the law wasn’t collecting a lot of state revenue in the years after its passage. The total for 1995, for example, was \$2,045.

Collections have since increased. The state collected \$10,000 in fiscal 2021, \$33,000 in fiscal 2020 and \$50,000 the year before that, said John Biello, deputy commissioner of the Department of Revenue Services.

Still, Biello said, even \$50,000 is inconsequential.

“This was a tax that probably cost more to administer at times than what was collected,” he said.

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“Districts are re-examining many practices in order to create a climate that is welcoming and respectful to all students and staff. Holidays are one of those elements,” said Patrice McCarthy, deputy director and general counsel of the Connecticut Association of Boards of Education.

“Some of the holiday closures are based on the culture of the community — and the likelihood of significant student absences,” McCarthy said.

That has long been the case in communities like Hartford, Waterbury, New Haven and New Britain. They each have substantial Hispanic populations, and close schools to observe Three Kings Day, a Christian holiday widely celebrated in Mexico and Puerto Rico.

As immigration patterns have changed in the past two decades, some communities have been adding to their holiday list.

Avon and South Windsor schools now celebrate Diwali, and Hamden recently

decided to make Eid al-Fitr an official school holiday starting in 2023.

In Newington, the school system went in a slightly different direction this spring.

Last year, a young student urged the schools to recognize Eid al-Fitr, and board member Michael Branda later invited Rajeev Desai of the Vallabhdham Temple to make his case for adding Diwali as a holiday. Board member Danielle Drozd then recommended considering Three Kings Day, too.

Desai said roughly 100 Hindu families celebrate Diwali, a daylong celebration where families gather in the morning, visit a Hindu temple at midday and spend the afternoon together in devotional singing with a grand feast.

Requiring students to be in school that day means families either hold their children home — leaving them to catch up on lessons, tests and more the next day — or curtail their holiday observance, various local Hindu school children told the board in letters last fall.

So Newington, which already takes Good Friday, Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur as

holidays, looked into adding all three holidays.

“The board took up discussion of including more holidays in keeping with our equity vision and mission,” Superintendent Maureen Brummett said at a board meeting last week. “We had speakers talk to us about Diwali and Three Kings Day so that all our cultural communities are represented on the school calendar.”

The schools put out a survey to parents and faculty; about 730 people answered, with roughly 54 percent favoring adding all three to future calendars.

“The board felt very strongly about making sure all of those holidays were added so there wouldn’t be any type of parceling out of one holiday over another,” she said.

The board unanimously voted that there will be no classes on any of the three holidays. For the 2022-23 year, that means just two additional days off, because Eid al-Fitr falls on a Saturday. But in future years, it will be three closures.

The board agreed that it will hold training for teachers on Three Kings Day, but will

allow them to take a personal day if they wish to observe that holiday.

In Bridgeport this month, the school board added Eid al-Fitr as a holiday.

“This historic achievement was made possible by the grassroots effort of Muslim students and their families with the support of community leaders at the Bridgeport Islamic Community Center,” said Hassan Awwad, operations director for the Connecticut chapter of the Council on American-Islamic Relations.

“The ‘secular purpose’ exception to the United States Constitution’s Establishment Clause allows for school closures on religious holidays,” Awwad said in an email. “We argued that not only would a significant number of Muslim students be absent, but that their non-attendance would cause a disruption in learning for all other non-Muslim students because tests would be delayed and lessons/lectures would have to be repeated.”

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ART RUPE 1917-2022

Pioneering rock exec helped launch Little Richard’s career

By Randall Roberts
Los Angeles Times

LOS ANGELES — Record man Art Rupe, who started a small Los Angeles-based independent label called Specialty Records in 1946 and went on to help launch the careers of artists including Little Richard, Sam Cooke, Percy Mayfield and dozens of other jazz, blues, gospel, R&B and rock ‘n’ roll artists, died Friday. He was 104.

Rupe’s death at his home in Santa Barbara was announced in a statement by his family, which did not provide a cause.

The producer, businessman, philanthropist and Rock & Roll Hall of Fame member served as an essential amplifier of the vibrant post-World War II music scene along Central Avenue in South Los Angeles.

Specialty’s national success, in the late 1940s, helped establish the LA independent

music industry, which before the war was dominated by New York labels with West Coast satellite offices. As Specialty — and eventual Hollywood neighbor Capitol Records — began banking genre hits by gospel, jazz and early R&B artists including the Pilgrim Travelers, Lloyd Price and Sister Rosetta Carr, Rupe scoured the country for Black artists with new approaches to popular music.

Across 15 years, Rupe released sides by foundational American artists including John Lee Hooker, Lloyd Price, Clifton Chenier, Guitar Slim and the Five Blind Boys of Alabama. Most famously, Rupe signed a rising star named Little Richard and set the stage for Cooke, then a young LA gospel singer for the Soul Stirrers, to become a soul superstar.

A driven businessman who loved the music while at the same time signing his artists to exploitative record deals — “Tutti Frutti” sold more than 500,000 copies but, at a royalty rate

of a half-cent per record, reportedly netted Little Richard a mere \$25,000 — Rupe harnessed the cultural upheaval that was rock ‘n’ roll to make household names of Specialty stars.

Rupe was born Arthur Goldberg in Greensburg, Pennsylvania, on Sept. 5, 1917, and raised in nearby McKeesport. The son of an Austrian immigrant laborer and a stay-at-home mother, Rupe first heard Black gospel music on Sunday mornings, when he would sit outside a neighborhood Baptist church and listen to the soaring voices.

Originally gunning to succeed in the movie business but instead opting for the record industry, which had fewer barriers to entry, Rupe co-founded Jukebox Records in 1944. Jukebox was based on 7th Street across from MacArthur Park, and Rupe began his enterprise with a piano-driven R&B instrumental by the Sepia Tones called “Boogie #1.” It sold more than 70,000 copies, making it a regional

hit. Rupe bought out his partner not long after and changed the label name to Specialty.

Specialty’s most famous signing was Richard Penniman, an outrageous singer shaking up stages across the South as Little Richard. The singer had been relentlessly pitching producer Robert Blackwell on leaving his then-label, Peacock, for Specialty. In September 1955, Rupe and Blackwell booked Cosimo Matassa’s New Orleans studio, hired Bartholomew’s band and recorded a day’s worth of potential singles. Near the end of the session, Little Richard busted out a nonsense line that ended up captivating the Western world: “A wop bop a loo mop a lop bam boom!”

Little Richard’s “Tutti Frutti” took teenagers by storm. By then, Rupe had learned how to capitalize on breakout singles, and over the next two years the label released landmark Little Richard songs including “Rip It Up,” “Long Tall Sally” and “The Girl Can’t Help It.”

Puppies

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who manages canine operations at NEADS.

The next 30-or-so puppies are leaving their mamas and littermates in late April and in May. Needed are people in Hartford, New London, Middlesex and Windham counties who have time to devote to the pups, desire to help those in need and the strength to let their little friends go once it’s time to move on.

Rachel Gould adores the “snuggle nuggets” she has raised and trained. But she did not have trouble saying goodbye to them when they were ready to move out of her Belmont, Massachusetts, home for the more advanced training provided at another NEADS location.

“These are not dogs you could leave home and they just hang out like a pet. They want the intellectual stimulation. They want to be out and about helping people,” Gould said. “It’s like sending off kids to college. You miss them, love them, are proud of them, but you look forward to seeing what they do.”

Wheelchair assistance

One man who has benefited from NEADS’ service dog program is Mike Delisle of Colchester. In 2016, Delisle was doing what he had loved doing since age 18: racing dirt bikes on the amateur circuit. At a race in Sterling, he flew over the handlebars on the last lap. He broke two vertebrae in his neck.

Now 31, Delisle is a tetraplegic, with no mobility in his legs and severely limited mobility in his arms and hands. He lives with his parents, Bob and Denise Delisle, and Henry, a yellow Lab trained by NEADS. Since Henry moved in in 2019, he has been right by Delisle’s wheelchair wherever he goes.

“He’s been everywhere with me, to Red Sox games, to Boston Bruins games, to Hartford Wolf Pack games, concerts, Florida, New York City, restaurants, Epcot,” Delisle said. “He’s well known at the casino. He has a stare-down with one of their police dogs every time we go there.”

Henry opens and closes doors, turns lights on and off, fetches dropped-off Amazon packages, picks up items Delisle can’t get or has dropped.

“I have a hobby: building small RC cars. He can pick up a 3-millimeter screw and fling it up so it lands in my lap,” Delisle said. “He can pick up a credit card, a penny.”

“When I’m out by myself, I don’t have to worry about dropping something. Especially now with COVID, I don’t want to be flagging down people on the streets to help me. And [Henry] doesn’t sigh or roll his eyes the 50th time he picks up my cellphone for me.”

Besides being his constant companion and assistant, Henry has changed Delisle’s life in other ways as well.

“When I got Henry, two major things changed. He gave me a sense of purpose. I had worked full-time since I was 16 or 17. I went from having a job to having no job and not leaving the house. What do I do every day? Now, I can’t lay in bed. I have to pull it together so he has a good day,” Delisle said.

“Also, in public, I am seen more in a crowd. Sometimes people walk right past a guy in a wheelchair if they’re on their phone. But everyone sees a dog. Everyone will stop for a dog. I no longer have to navigate through thick crowds. At Epcot, the crowd just



Mike Delisle, a tetraplegic, with his service dog Henry. “He’s been everywhere with me, to Red Sox games, to Boston Bruins games, to Hartford Wolf Pack games, concerts, Florida, New York City, restaurants, Epcot,” Delisle said. CLOE POISSON/SPECIAL TO THE COURANT

opened up for me.”

Each NEADS dog recipient is asked to raise \$8,000 for NEADS to offset the approximately \$45,000 cost of acquiring, raising, training and matching one dog. NEADS advisors help recipients with crowd-sourcing the funds. Delisle reached his goal in just a few days.

Once the puppy moves into the home, the training becomes part of daily life, reinforced by weekly virtual visits with a professional puppy trainer from NEADS.

“We break it down by week. They are teaching them up to 24 different commands,” Cornacchioli said.

Socialization is just as important. Raisers must take dogs out often, to gathering places, from places that are a bit busy to places that are very busy, even very loud, like Delisle’s trips to Fenway Park. The Americans with Disabilities Act makes it possible for service dogs to go places non-service dogs can’t go.

“We want these dogs to feel comfortable and confident no matter what setting they’re in. ... If there are loud noises in the background, a commotion, it’s no big deal. We want them exposed to everything, people, animals, the whole gauntlet of things,” he said. “Start with the library. Then progress to the supermarket. Then progress to Home Depot. Then progress to the train station.”

Some socialization is forbidden, though.

Puppy raisers

NEADS has trained more than 1,900 service dogs since it was founded in 1976. There are about 400 NEADS service dogs currently active nationwide.

Puppies begin training when they are just a few days old. At eight weeks, they are ready to move into raisers’ homes. After a raiser is approved, NEADS pays for everything: the puppy, vet visits, food, treats, a crate, leashes, the “service dog in training” cape the dog wears out in public and the gentle leader, an important training tool. Some raisers splurge on a few fun items, like toys and more treats.

How to help

To volunteer as a full-time puppy raiser, visit neads.org/get-involved/volunteer/. A virtual information session will be May 11 at 6 p.m. Register at neads.org.

Dog parks are especially damaging, Cornacchioli said.

“Usually dog park dogs are off leash doing whatever they want. It’s not a controlled environment. Dogs can be aggressive. ... If our dogs are exposed to that or become a victim of it you can’t coach it out. They will never be OK. They will never recover,” he said. Cornacchioli added that dogs at dog parks could have diseases and puppies, who may not have had all their shots yet, may catch something dangerous.

Volunteers

Many types of families are ideal candidates to be raisers: retirees, people who work at home, people who work away from home, people with kids, people with pets.

“We have dogs with teachers in classrooms five days a week. We have dogs in the office setting,” Cornacchioli said.

Gould takes her puppies to work: “I am a high school teacher. The students are super helpful. My husband and principal were on board with it.”

Raisers with kids and dogs must make sure they can meet the needs of everyone, and that their pets are good mentors for puppies. “Exposure of children to a dog is something that is awesome and welcome. But can the person handle having a puppy and kids? If they’re young kids, newborns, that’s a lot. Can they balance the newborn and the dog?” Cornacchioli said.

Bob Bradford of Bedford, Massachusetts, a former dog owner, is raising his first NEADS puppy. He enjoyed the challenge of teaching his NEADS dog, Claudette, the commands that would make her useful.

“There’s the basic commands, ‘sit’ and ‘stay,’ and there are others, like ‘under.’ You teach them to sit under a table in a restaurant or on a bus so she is not in the way of the public coming down the aisle. You teach them ‘behind,’ for when you’re walking in a tight aisle,” Bradford said.

“When you say ‘speak,’ it’s not just woof. It’s three consecutive barks, woof woof woof. It’s to get the attention of a neighbor if someone needs help. If the neighbor hears three barks in quick succession, they know something is going on.”

For all the dogs’ helpfulness with essential tasks, their human companions value the companionship, too, because they’re getting both an assistant and a devoted pet.

At Delisle’s home, Henry has two moods. When his gentle leader is on, he knows he is working and does what he is told and nothing else. When the gentle leader is off, he’s a lively scamp, picking up his stuffed duck toy and showing it to whoever drops by to visit. “He’s just a joy,” Bob Delisle said.

Regardless of the time of day, though, Henry’s main focus is Mike Delisle. He sleeps in his room and spends all day, every day by his side.

“He goes everywhere with me. He’s an extension of me,” Delisle said. “If somebody invites me somewhere and says don’t bring the dog, I probably just won’t go.”

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Mariupol

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and street fighting in Mariupol have killed at least 21,000 people, by the Ukrainians’ estimate. A maternity hospital was hit by a lethal Russian airstrike in the opening weeks of the war, and about 300 people were reported killed in the bombing of a theater where civilians were taking shelter.

An estimated 100,000 remained in the city out of a prewar population of 450,000, trapped without food, water, heat or electricity in a siege that has made Mariupol the scene of some of the worst suffering of the war.

“All those who will continue resistance will be destroyed,” Maj. Gen. Igor Konashenko, the Russian Defense Ministry’s spokesman, said in announcing the ultimatum.

Ukrainian Deputy Defense Minister Hanna Malyar described Mariupol as a “shield defending Ukraine” as Russian troops prepare for battle in the mostly Russian-speaking Donbas, where Moscow-backed separatists already control some territory.

Russian forces, meanwhile, carried out aerial attacks near Kyiv and elsewhere in an apparent effort to weaken Ukraine’s military capacity ahead of the anticipated assault.

After the humiliating sinking of the flagship of Russia’s Black Sea Fleet last week in what the Ukrainians boasted was a missile attack, the Kremlin had vowed to step up



Destroyed vehicles litter part of a plant Saturday in Mariupol, Ukraine. If the strategic southern city of Mariupol falls, Russian forces there are expected to join an offensive in the coming days for control of the Donbas region. ALEXEI ALEXANDROV/AP

strikes on the capital.

Russia said Sunday that it had attacked an ammunition plant near Kyiv overnight with precision-guided missiles, the third such strike in as many days.

Explosions were also reported overnight in Kramatorsk, the eastern city where rockets earlier this month killed at least 57 people at a train station crowded with civilians trying to evacuate ahead of the Russian offensive.

A regional official in eastern Ukraine said at least two people were killed when Russian forces fired at residential buildings in the

town of Zolote, near the front line in the Donbas.

At least five people were killed by Russian shelling in Kharkiv, Ukraine’s second-largest city, on Sunday, regional officials said.

The barrage slammed into apartment buildings and left the streets scattered with broken glass and other debris, including part of at least one rocket.

Kharkiv Mayor Igor Terekhov, in an impassioned address marking Orthodox Palm Sunday, lashed out at Russian forces for not letting up the bombing campaign on such a sacred day.

Russia also said that its forces shot down two Ukrainian MiG-29 fighter jets in the Kharkiv region and destroyed two Ukrainian command posts and a radar system for S-300 surface-to-air missiles in the city of Avdiivka, north of Donetsk city.

Ukrainian officials did not confirm the claimed losses.

Capturing Mariupol, the southern city on the Sea of Azov, would allow Russia to fully secure a land corridor to the Crimean Peninsula, which it seized from Ukraine in 2014, and deprive Ukraine of a major port and its prized industrial assets.

The looming offensive in the east, if successful, would give Russian President Vladimir Putin a vital piece of the country and a badly needed victory that he could sell to the Russian people amid the war’s mounting casualties and the economic hardship caused by the West’s sanctions.

‘Homecoming’ on a special Easter

Faithful celebrate in-person services 2 years after outbreak

By Steve LeBlanc, Giovanna Dell’orto and Deepa Bharath
Associated Press

BOSTON — For many U.S. Christians, this weekend marked the first time since 2019 that they gathered in person on Easter Sunday, a welcome chance to celebrate one of the year’s holiest days side by side with fellow congregants.

The faithful came out — from a sunrise Mass outdoors near the waterfront in South Boston to a joyous, hug-filled service at St. Peter Claver, a historically Black congregation in St. Paul, Minnesota.

“It has been quite wonderful to see how well-attended Mass is right now. ... It seems to have brought a lot of people back to the idea of what’s important to them,” said MC Sullivan, chief health care ethicist for the Archdiocese of Boston.

The pandemic erupted in the United States in March 2020, just ahead of Easter, forcing many churches to resort to online or televised worship. Many continued to hold virtual services last spring after a deadly winter wave of the coronavirus and as vaccination campaigns were still ramping up.

But this year more churches opened their doors for Easter services with few COVID-19 restrictions, in line with broader societal trends.

Among them were Watson Grove Baptist Church in Nashville, Tennessee, where about 700 mask-wearing worshippers



Pope Francis greets tens of thousands of worshippers Sunday after Easter Mass in St. Peter's Square. TIZIANA FABI/GETTY-AFP

met in the church’s sanctuary for what pastor John Faison said was by far their biggest indoor gathering during the pandemic.

“We hadn’t seen a crowd like this for two years,” Faison said. “Eyes were lighting up. People just felt good.”

Purpose Church, a non-denominational congregation in Pomona, 30 miles east of Los Angeles, had held its Easter services virtually or outdoors the past two years because of the pandemic.

On Sunday, nearly 4,000 congregants came in person to the church’s newly renovated sanctuary for three morning services, with

many still watching virtually and others seated outside watching the proceedings on a 40-foot LED screen.

This was also the first service in two years featuring the full 150-member choir, band and orchestra, said Tina Tong, worship producer for the 152-year-old church.

“It’s a sweet homecoming in so many ways,” she said.

This year the Muslim holy month of Ramadan, Christian holy week culminating in Easter Sunday and the weeklong Jewish Passover occurred at the same time.

Meanwhile, at the Vatican, on what is supposed to be Christianity’s most joyful day, Pope Francis made an

anguished plea for peace in the “senseless” war in Ukraine and in other armed conflicts raging in the world.

Francis described this year as an “Easter of war.”

Francis spoke to tens of thousands of faithful in St. Peter’s Square about the “fear and anguish” evoked by the conflict in Ukraine, adding that he hoped news of suffering in Europe would also make people more mindful of similar situations elsewhere.

Francis celebrated emerging from two years of pandemic, during which he had delivered his Easter message under coronavirus restrictions, even as he acknowledged that the soli-

darity he had sought as a legacy of the crisis had not prevailed.

But it was events in Ukraine that weighed most heavily on the annual address “Urbi et Orbi” (“To the City and the World”).

The country had been “sorely tried by the violence and destruction of the cruel and senseless war into which it was dragged,” Francis said. At those words, applause erupted in the square.

The message and blessing, given on Easter Sunday and Christmas Day, which traditionally includes pleas for peace to conflicts the world over, was delivered after the Mass on the steps

of the basilica.

Some 100,000 people were present in the square, overflowing into an adjacent avenue, according to the Vatican. It was a far cry from the few hundreds who attended the celebration last year.

The conflict in Europe, Francis said, should make people “more concerned about other situations of conflict, suffering and sorrow.”

He cited “years of conflict and division” in the Middle East.

Francis called for peace in Libya so it could find “stability after years of tension,” and for Yemen, “which suffers from a conflict forgotten by all, with continuous victims.”

He called for an end to the “hatred and violence” in Myanmar and cited the “tragic humanitarian crisis” in Afghanistan “bringing great suffering to its people” as well as struggles in African countries.

“We have seen all too much blood, all too much violence. Our hearts, too, have been filled with fear and anguish, as so many of our brothers and sisters have had to lock themselves away in order to be safe from bombing,” he said.

Francis pleaded last week for an Easter truce in Ukraine, and he has called frequently for an end to the war, which he has denounced as blasphemous and an “outrage against God.”

His comments have not cited President Vladimir Putin of Russia by name, an omission that has drawn criticism.

The New York Times contributed.

17 hurt in clashes again at holy site in Jerusalem

Unrest occurs just days after flare-up at hilltop compound

By Josef Federman
Associated Press

JERUSALEM — Israeli police on Sunday entered the Al-Aqsa Mosque compound in Jerusalem’s Old City to secure the way for Jewish visitors to the flashpoint holy site, fueling clashes that left 17 Palestinians wounded, according to Palestinian medical workers.

The unrest happened just two days after clashes with Palestinians at the same site.

Violence in Jerusalem between Israeli security forces and Palestinian demonstrators a year ago escalated into an 11-day Gaza war.

The hilltop compound housing the mosque is the third-holiest site in Islam, while it is the holiest place for Jews, who refer to it as the Temple Mount. The competing claims to the site have sparked numerous rounds of violence.

This year the Muslim holy month of Ramadan, Christian holy week culminating in Easter Sunday and the weeklong Jewish Passover are all occurring at

the same time, with tens of thousands of visitors flocking to the city after coronavirus restrictions have been mostly lifted.

Israeli police accused Palestinians of “defiling and desecrating” a holy site, while Palestinian officials accused Israel of trying to divide the sensitive holy site.

“What happened in Al-Aqsa Mosque is a dangerous escalation, the repercussions of which are to be borne by the Israeli government alone,” said Nabil Abu Rdeneh, spokesman for Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas.

Police said they entered the compound to facilitate the routine visit of Jews to the holy site. They said Palestinians had stockpiled stones and set up barriers in anticipation of violence.

Amateur videos circulating on social media appeared to show police officers using batons to subdue arrested Palestinians and clear people from the esplanade, drawing accusations they were using excessive force.

In one video, an officer clubbed an apparently unarmed man as he stood next to a child.

Omer Barlev, the Israeli minister in charge of the police, said it was important to ensure freedom of

worship, “but we will not compromise when violence and terror take place.”

The police cleared Palestinians out of the sprawling esplanade outside the mosque itself early Sunday, while dozens of Palestinians remained inside the building chanting “God is Greatest.”

Video released by police showed small groups of youths throwing stones, as well as fireworks being fired from inside the mosque.

Palestinians reported brief clashes with Israeli police just outside the mosque compound, while police said Palestinians had thrown stones at buses outside the Old City. Paramedics said five people riding in buses received treatment for minor injuries in the attacks.

Police released a video showing a crowd of youths pelting a passing bus with stones just outside the Old City. Another video from the police, taken inside one of the buses, showed Jewish families sitting on the floor of the vehicle as it continued on its way.

Israeli Prime Minister Naftali Bennett ordered additional security on public buses going to the Old City after a situation assessment with top defense officials.

“We are working to calm



Palestinians shoot fireworks at Israeli police Sunday in the Old City of Jerusalem. Israeli police again clashed with Palestinians outside Al-Aqsa Mosque. MAHMOUD ILLEAN/AP

things down on the one hand and are taking vigorous action against violent individuals on the other,” he said.

The Palestinian Red Crescent medical service said 17 Palestinians were wounded, including five people who were hospitalized. Israeli police reported nine arrests. By midday, witnesses said police had moved out of the compound.

Jordan, which serves as custodian of the holy site, issued a statement condemning Israel’s actions, saying they undermine “all

efforts made to maintain the comprehensive calm and prevent the escalation of violence that threatens security and peace.”

Under longtime understandings, Jews are allowed to visit the Temple Mount but are barred from praying there.

For decades, Jews avoided worship there for religious reasons.

Israeli authorities say they are committed to maintaining the status quo, but in recent years large groups of nationalist and religious Jews have regularly visited

the site with police escorts, something the Palestinians view as a provocation. The number of visitors often rises during religious holidays. Palestinian officials said nearly 550 Jewish visitors entered the compound, compared to just a few dozen on most days.

Such practices have fueled concerns among Palestinians that Israel is plotting to take over the Al-Aqsa Mosque compound or partition it. Israel strongly denies such claims, saying it is committed to protecting freedom of worship for all.

Haven’t filed your federal taxes? Consider an extension, experts say

By Fatima Hussein
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Millions of Americans wait until the last minute to file their taxes — and this year is no exception.

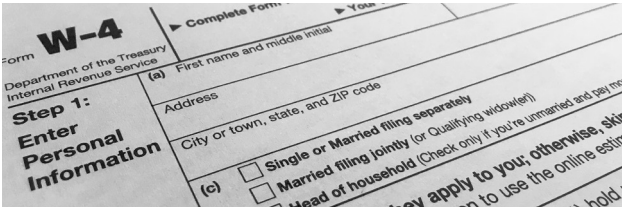
Monday is Tax Day, the federal deadline for individual tax filing and payments, and the IRS will receive tens of millions of last-minute filings electronically and through paper forms.

As of April 8, the IRS had received more than

103 million returns for this tax season, and it had issued more than 63 million refunds worth more than \$204 billion.

For comparison, last year more than 169 million people completed an income tax return by the end of the year. That probably leaves nearly 40 percent of this year’s taxpayers still unaccounted for, with many scrambling to submit their documents by Monday.

Nina Tross at the National Society of Tax Professionals



says if people haven’t filed their taxes by now, “they’re better off filing an extension.”

But, she added, “People don’t realize that filing an extension has zero effect” as

long as they have paid their income taxes by Tax Day.

“An extension is merely filing a return at a later date,” Tross said. “If you rush through a return to get it out the door, and you

have to amend it later, you’re more likely to get a double look from the IRS. You’re much better off extending than amending.”

This year will be one of the most challenging for the agency, with its record low staffing numbers.

The IRS workforce is the same size it was in 1970, though the U.S. population has grown exponentially and tax laws have become increasingly complicated.

The agency announced plans in March to hire at

least 10,000 more workers.

Keith Kahn with the Delaware Society of CPAs said he encourages everyone to file an electronic return.

When asked whether CPAs will accept clients on Tax Day, Kahn said it’s common for people to be turned away.

But for those who can get an appointment, “make sure you have everything you could possibly provide to your CPA — there’s not a lot of time to hammer out strategy or to ask questions.”



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2 dead, 8 injured in shooting at party in Pittsburgh, police say

From news services

PITTSBURGH — Shots fired at a house party in Pittsburgh early Sunday left two minors dead and at least eight more people wounded, police said.

Hundreds of people had gathered at a short-term rental property, the “vast majority” of them underage, Chief Scott Schubert of the Pittsburgh police department told reporters at a midday news conference.

Shortly after some kind of altercation occurred, gunshots were fired around 12:30 a.m. both inside and outside, “and potentially back and forth,” Schubert said. Casings found at the scene indicate that handguns and one rifle were used, and police believe there were multiple shooters, Schubert said.

Two male victims died at the hospital, police said, and eight more people were being treated for gunshot wounds. A police release initially said nine people had been injured by gunfire, but Schubert revised the numbers at the news conference. The names of the two male youths who died weren’t released.

Others were injured trying to escape, Schubert said. Two who jumped from windows had broken bones, authorities said. One victim was injured after a car was “shot up,” Schubert said.

George Stevens said he was outside a bar next door to the rental property, smoking a cigarette when he heard what he thought were fireworks, then saw kids fleeing.

Stevens told The Associated Press that he let three girls hide in his vehicle and call their parents as bullets flew by. He said he saw someone inside the rental property holding a gun as children ran screaming and

crying in every direction away from the building.

“It happened so quick,” he said. “It was just crazy. Kids were running everywhere.”

No arrests were reported.

Mall shooting suspect: Police have arrested a suspect in connection with a shooting at a busy shopping mall in South Carolina’s capital on Saturday that left 14 people injured.

Columbia Police Chief W.H. “Skip” Holbrook said 22-year-old Jewayne M. Price, who was one of three people initially detained by law enforcement as a person of interest, remains in police custody and is expected to be charged with unlawful carrying of a pistol.

Fourteen people were injured during the shooting at Columbiana Centre, Holbrook said in a news release Saturday. The victims ranged in age from 15 to 73.

Holbrook said no fatalities have been reported, but nine people were shot and five people suffered injuries while attempting to flee the mall for safety.

Police said the 73-year-old victim continues to receive medical treatment, but the other victims have been released from local hospitals or will be released shortly.

Anglican church: The leader of the Anglican church strongly criticized the British government’s plan to put some asylum-seekers on one-way flights to Rwanda, saying “sub-contracting out our responsibilities” to refugees cannot stand up to God’s scrutiny.

Archbishop of Canterbury Justin Welby made the unusually direct political intervention in his Easter Sunday sermon, saying there are “serious ethical questions about sending asylum-seekers overseas.”



Easter Sunday: Children show off their bonnets during the annual Easter Parade and Bonnet Festival on Fifth Avenue in front of St. Patrick’s Cathedral on Sunday in New York City. **TIMOTHY A. CLARY /GETTY-AFP**

He said “sub-contracting out our responsibilities, even to a country that seeks to do well, like Rwanda, is the opposite of the nature of God who took responsibility for our failures.”

Speaking at Canterbury Cathedral in southeast England, Welby said that while “the details are for politics and politicians, the principle must stand the judgment of God — and it cannot.”

Britain and Rwanda announced Thursday that they had struck an agreement that will see some people arriving in the U.K. as stowaways on trucks or in small boats sent 4,000 miles to the East African country, where their asylum claims will be processed and, if successful, they will stay.

NKorea tensions: North Korea has test-fired a new type of tactical guided weapon designed to boost its nuclear fighting capability, state media reported Sunday, a day before its chief

rivals the United States and South Korea begin annual drills that the North views as an invasion rehearsal.

The 13th weapons test this year came amid concerns that North Korea may soon conduct an even larger provocation. That may include a nuclear test in an effort to expand the country’s arsenal and increase pressure on Washington and Seoul while denuclearization talks remain stalled.

The official Korean Central News Agency said leader Kim Jong Un observed what it called the weapon’s successful launch.

It released a photo showing a beaming Kim clapping his hands with military officers.

Prisoner release: Myanmar’s military government Sunday began releasing more than 1,600 prisoners to mark the traditional new year holiday, but they didn’t include any political detainees despite the country’s ruling general vowing to bring peace this

year.

Myanmar has been under military rule since February last year, when the army ousted the elected government of Aung San Suu Kyi.

The takeover was met with massive resistance, which has since turned into what some U.N. experts have characterized as civil war.

This year’s holiday celebrations, carried out over several days, were muted as opponents of military rule called for a boycott of government-supported activities.

State-run MRTV television reported that the head of Myanmar’s military council, Senior Gen. Min Aung Hlaing, had pardoned 1,619 prisoners, including 42 foreigners who will be deported.

Mass prisoner releases are common on major holidays.

India violence: Police in India’s capital have arrested 14 people after communal violence broke out during a Hindu religious procession,

leaving several injured, local media reported Sunday.

The suspects were arrested on charges of rioting and criminal conspiracy, among others, following the incident on Saturday night, said senior police officer Usha Rangnani, according to the Press Trust of India news agency.

At least nine people, including eight police officers, were injured and were being treated in hospitals, Rangnani said.

Authorities say Hindu and Muslim groups in Jahan-girpuri, a neighborhood in northwest New Delhi, threw stones at each other during a religious procession celebrating the birth of the Hindu god Hanuman on Saturday night.

Police were investigating the incident and it remains unclear what sparked the violence.

The capital’s chief minister, Arvind Kejriwal, appealed for peace in the city and condemned the incident.

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WAR IN UKRAINE

US pressured for more Russia intel

Ukraine relies on support to help it plan, repel attacks

By Nomaan Merchant and James LaPorta
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Joe Biden has called Russia’s war on Ukraine a genocide and accused Vladimir Putin of committing war crimes. But his administration has struggled with how much intelligence it is willing to give the Ukrainian forces that are trying to stop the Russian leader.

Since the war began in late February, the Biden administration has made multiple changes to a classified directive that governs what U.S. agencies are supposed to share with Ukraine.

Much of what the United States collects is shared; some is not.

Where the line is drawn depends on protecting the sources and methods of the intelligence, but also trying to limit the risk of escalation with a nuclear-armed Russia.

The latest changes occurred early this month when U.S. intelligence officials lifted some geographic limits on the transfer of actionable information — the kind of information used in minute-by-minute decisions on the battlefield. According to several people familiar with the issue who spoke on condition of anonymity to discuss classified matters, officials removed language that had limited the specific locations of potential targets in parts of eastern Ukraine.

The shifts in the intelligence rules reflect the administration’s changing calculations of what Putin might consider escalatory. The U.S. is also trying to step up support to Ukrainian forces that have surprised much of the world in how they have held back Russia



Firefighters extinguish a fire at the Ukrainian Security Service after a rocket attack last month in Kharkiv. President Joe Biden has called Russia’s war on Ukraine a genocide and accused Vladimir Putin of committing war crimes. **ANDREW MARIENKO/AP**

but remain undermanned and outgunned.

The Pentagon last week also announced \$800 million in new military assistance that could include more powerful weapons and defensive equipment.

Some people familiar with the directive say there is ambiguity about the new limits. One question is whether the U.S. would delay or limit information about a possible Russian target in areas internationally recognized as Ukrainian territory but that Moscow or its proxies controlled before the war, including the Crimean Peninsula and parts of the Donbas. U.S. personnel have at times limited intelligence that they believed Ukrainian forces could use to retake previously lost territory.

The directive still limits information given to Ukrainians about forces in Russia

or neighboring Belarus, where Russian forces have staged and attacked from Ukraine’s north.

“We are intensely sharing timely intelligence with the Ukrainians to help them defend themselves throughout their country, including in areas held by Russia before the 2022 invasion,” said one U.S. intelligence official who spoke on condition of anonymity to describe the classified directive. The Wall Street Journal first reported the directive had been changed.

Another U.S. official who spoke on condition of anonymity to discuss intelligence matters said the administration was “providing detailed, timely intelligence to the Ukrainians on a range of fronts.”

A letter sent last week by Republicans on the Senate Intelligence Committee — after the new guidance

— urges Avril Haines, the director of national intelligence, to “proactively share intelligence with the Ukrainians to help them protect, defend, and retake every inch of Ukraine’s sovereign territory, which includes Crimea and the Donbas.”

The senators said they “remain deeply concerned that not enough is being done to share critical intelligence that would assist the Ukrainians as Russian forces move to secure territory in the southern and eastern parts of the country.”

Unlike a Feb. 9 letter to Biden urging intelligence sharing “to the fullest extent possible,” Democrats on the committee did not join the recent letter, reflecting apparent divisions in how members view the administration’s current guidance.

The White House insists it is providing information in line with Ukraine’s current

goals. Analysts say the war is shifting from a conflict fought across the country to a stronger focus on the southern and eastern parts of Ukraine that Russia has seized or attacked recently. One expected point of focus is the strategic port city of Mariupol, whose mayor says more than 10,000 civilians have been killed in the Russian siege.

In addition to its own intelligence capabilities, Ukraine relies on U.S. and Western support to help it plan and repel attacks. Before and during the war, the U.S. has publicly and privately shared intelligence about what it believes are Putin’s battle plans in the hopes of undercutting Russia and building support for a forceful Western response.

Lawmakers from both parties have spoken broadly about the limits since the

Russian invasion.

Rep. Adam Smith, chairman of the House Armed Services Committee, said in a television interview in March that the White House was holding back some real-time intelligence “because that steps over the line to making us participating in the war.”

Sen. Ben Sasse, R-Neb., on March 1 accused the White House of delaying intelligence due to “overly-layered processes,” adding that “information about where an invading Russian tank was 12 hours ago does squat to prevent civilian bloodshed.”

The directive has been changed to limit delays, officials said. The latest update, according to one intelligence official, is intended to give U.S. officers “added clarity” allowing for faster and more fulsome cooperation with Ukraine.

Sen. Tom Cotton, R-Ark., asked Defense Secretary Lloyd Austin at a hearing this month if the U.S. was giving Ukraine intelligence to carry out operations in Crimea or parts of the Donbas previously controlled by Russian proxies.

“We want to make sure that’s clear to our force, and so updated guidance that goes out today will make sure that’s clear,” Austin said. He added, “Certainly the current guidance was not clear in that regard, so we’ll make sure it’s clear.”

Ohio Rep. Mike Turner, the top Republican on the House Intelligence Committee, late last month asked Gen. Tod Wolters, the supreme NATO commander for Europe, whether he was satisfied with the speed of information getting to Ukraine.

“Congressman, I’m comfortable, but I want it to speed up,” Wolters said. “And I always will say that even if it occurs in one second, I want it tomorrow to be in a half a second.”



Valya Naumenko, left, embraces Ira Slepchenko as they mourn the deaths of their respective husbands during an exhumation Sunday in Mykulychi, Ukraine. **EMILIO MORENATTI/AP**

Amid the heartache, village digs up dead for war probe

By Cara Anna and Emilio Morenatti
Associated Press

MYKULYCHI, Ukraine — On a quiet street lined with walnut trees was a cemetery with four bodies that hadn’t yet found a home.

All were victims of Russian soldiers in this village outside Ukraine’s capital, Kyiv. Their temporary caskets were together in a grave. Volunteers dug them up one by one Sunday — two weeks after the soldiers disappeared.

This spring is a grim season of planting and replanting in towns and villages around Kyiv. Bodies given hurried graves amid the Russian occupation are now being retrieved for investigations into possible war crimes. More than 900 civilian victims have been found.

All four bodies here were killed on the same street, on the same day. That’s according to the local man who provided their caskets. He bent and kissed the cemetery’s wrought-iron crosses as he walked to the makeshift grave.

The volunteers tried digging with shovels,

then gave up and called an excavator. As they waited, they recounted their work secretly burying bodies during the month-long Russian occupation, then retrieving them. One young man recalled being discovered by soldiers who pointed guns at him and told him “Don’t look up” as he dug a grave.

The excavator arrived, rumbling past the cemetery’s wooden outhouse. Soon there was the smell of fresh earth, and the murmur, “There they are.”

A woman appeared, crying.

Ira Slepchenko was the wife of one man buried here. No one told her he was being dug up now. The wife of another victim arrived.

Valya Naumenko peered into the grave, then hugged Ira.

“Don’t collapse,” she said. “I need you to be OK.”

The couples lived next to each other. On the final day before the Russians left the village, soldiers knocked at one home.

Valya’s husband, Pavlo Ivanyuk, opened the door. The soldiers took him to the garage and shot him in the head, apparently without any explanation.

Then the soldiers shouted, “Is anyone else here?”

Ira’s husband, Sasha Nedolezhko, heard the gunshot. But he thought the soldiers would search the homes if no one answered. He opened the door and the soldiers shot him too.

The men’s caskets were lifted out with the others, then pried open. The four bodies, wrapped in blankets, were placed in body bags. The lace-edged white lining of each casket was stained red where the head had been.

Ira watched from afar, smoking, but stood by the empty caskets as the others left.

“All this land is in blood, and it will take years to recover,” she said.

She had known her husband was here. Nine days after his temporary burial, she came to the cemetery scattered with picnic tables, following the local custom of spending time with the dead. She brought coffee and cookies.

“I want this war to end as soon as possible,” she said.

The other bodies were a teacher and a local man who lived alone. No one came for them Sunday.

Russian troops leave behind a legacy that haunts villagers

By Natalia Yermak and Thomas Gibbons-Neff
The New York Times

HUSARIVKA, Ukraine — The cows wouldn’t stop screaming.

Russian soldiers had occupied this remote village in eastern Ukraine for about two weeks and were using a farm as a base.

But the animals at the farm hadn’t been fed. Their incessant bleating was wearing on occupiers and townspeople.

A group of five residents from Husarivka, an unassuming agricultural village of around 1,000 people, went to tend the cattle.

They were never heard from again.

“My two nephews disappeared. They went to feed the cows on the farm,” said Svitlana Tarusyna, 70. “They are gone, vanished.”

What transpired in Husarivka has all the horrifying elements of the more publicized incidents involving Russian brutality: indiscriminate killings, abuse and torture, taking place over the better part of a month.

Human rights workers around Kyiv, the capital, are gathering evidence of Russian atrocities, hoping to build the case for war crimes.

But for the villagers here, the occupation’s legacy is not measured in mass killings, corpses or ruined buildings, but in the disappearances of friends and neighbors.

Though the residents are free of Russian occupation, questions about what happened during those troubled days will linger for years to come.

The Russian soldiers were, for the most part, reserved after their arrival in Husarivka in the first days of March, residents said. But that quickly changed. They looted empty homes. Then they started stealing from the people who had stayed



A cellar in the village of Husarivka, Ukraine, where three skulls were recovered. **TYLER HICKS/THE NEW YORK TIMES**

behind. It was around the time Tarusyna’s nephews and their colleagues disappeared that the occupation turned violent.

“At first, they were not wandering anywhere around at all,” said Yuri Doroshenko, 58, who is Husarivka’s de facto mayor, noting that more than 1,000 Russian soldiers were hunkered down at their headquarters — a collective farm — on the outskirts of the village. “Then, three or four days later, they started to sneak around, searching. It was around March 10 that they started to come into the houses.”

Wedge between rolling wheat fields, tracts of sunflowers and natural gas lines, Husarivka is about 60 miles southeast of Kharkiv, once Ukraine’s second-largest city. Its capture by the Russians was part of a broad advance westward that included troop movements from near Kharkiv and the more eastern city of Izium, where Russian and Ukrainian units are still locked in battle.

The Russian campaign stalled, and Ukrainian forces managed to rout Russian troops from the village in late March.

In recent days, residents

have slowly started to piece together what transpired in their enclave, emerging from their basement shelters between artillery strikes. But they have been left with more questions than answers, such as: Where are the five people who disappeared around March 16 after heading off to feed the cows?

But as Ukrainian soldiers sifted through the battlefield wreckage after their victory, they found something on Petrusenko Street.

It was in a backyard basement sealed shut by a rusted metal door.

“In this cellar the bodies were found,” said Olexiy, a chief investigator in the region who declined to provide his last name for security reasons. He gestured down into a soot-covered hole.

“They were covered by car tires and burned,” he said.

“There is no way to tell the cause of their death,” he added. “We found three hands, two legs, three skulls.”

But hauntingly, no one knows for sure what happened to the five men.

Many of the cows they went to feed ended up being killed in shelling.

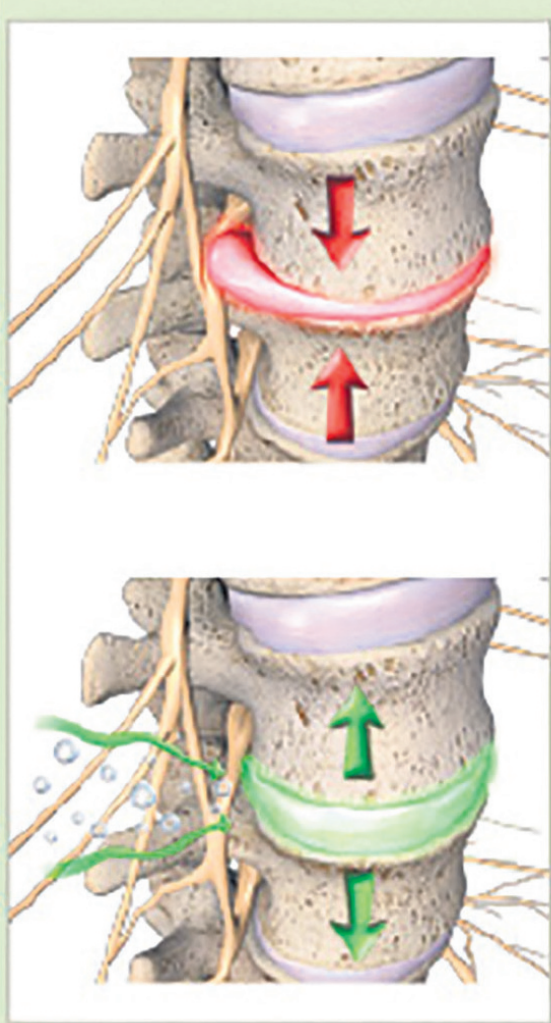
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OPINION

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The removal of mask mandates has made a difference at Central Connecticut State University in New Britain. COURANT FILE PHOTO

Much more than mask mandate has lifted

By Mary Collins

“Wearing a face mask on campus becomes optional ...”
— Central Connecticut State University mandate, April 4
They have a lot of teeth.
Their lips and chin lines look nothing like I imagined.
If, as the Bible tells us, the “eyes are the lamp of the body;” then the full face is a living room full of furniture dumped all at once in a tiny classroom.
I mean, for God’s sake they

have tattoos, granted, on their hands, necks, arms and other places masks never go, but for some reason now that I see their full bodies my mind picks up on 10 times more social cues: clothes, decals on their computers, jewelry, makeup, type of phone, hairstyle.
And they are styling! In the first week the masks came off, I swear my students came in with flashier shirts, snazzier shoes, more jewelry.
Maskless, they approach me

one-on-one and walk to my office to talk about class, life, CCSU, springtime in ways that have not happened in years.
We’ve been in the classroom together all of this time — so there was no reason for them not to take the walk with the professor out of the classroom — but clearly something more than the mask mandate has lifted.
I wonder how surprised they were to see my mouth, my chin line, my smile. Do they notice the age lines around my lips and

try to guess my age? Do they care about my small chin, quite the surprise I’d think if you’ve only seen my broad forehead and large blue eyes?
They didn’t look too startled when I arrived April 4 mask free; certainly not as shocked as the student I bumped into outside on campus last term who had only seen me in an online virtual classroom environment and exclaimed, “Professor Collins, you’re so tall!”
Let us hope that we can see each

other fully now, uninterrupted by the pandemic, though I welcomed the mask mandates and appreciated every ounce of caution my campus leaders offered.
Nothing could make me happier than watching two students this week chatting away, sharing a laugh, their full smiles open to each other, like lamps brightening a room.

Mary Collins is program coordinator of the Writing Minors at Central Connecticut State University.

A French populist tantrum could elect Marine Le Pen

By George F. Will
The Washington Post

Populism is, always and everywhere, a cri de coeur — populism has a French accent this month — by people feeling a painful scarcity: of esteem. Marine Le Pen might be elected France’s president on April 24, elevated by her nation’s contradictory populism. It is the surliness of those who resent the predictable consequence of the political culture that the resentful embrace, paternalist statism. The consequence is individuals diminished as infantilized wards of a government that, by presuming to provide almost everything, subtracts from one thing: the social esteem of those in the lower strata of a government-ordered society.
Le Pen’s measures to “detoxify” (her term) her party have included purging the party’s founder, her antisemitic father (he once called the Holocaust a “detail” of history). And destroying campaign leaflets showing her pleased to be shaking Vladimir Putin’s hand (her party has received Russian funding). And deploring inflation even more than immigrants. All this is cosmetic, but successful.
In 2002, Le Pen’s father, Jean-Marie Le Pen, reached the two-candidate second round of presidential voting, where he was trounced 82% to 18%. In 2017, his daughter won 33.9% in the second round while losing to Emmanuel Macron by 32.2 percentage points. In this month’s first round, she trailed Macron by only 4.7 percentage points, and defeated him among every age category except voters over 65.
In democracies where performative candidates now blur the distinction between politics and entertainment, fortune favors the entertaining. Le Pen’s opponent, Macron, exemplifies something annoying: “French Caesarism.” This phrase is French-British professor Brigitte Granville’s.
Her answer to her book’s title — “What Ails France?” — is a “righteous consensus,” the statism that “asphyxiates the country’s potential.” France’s paternalism expresses the “tenacious notion of the state as saviour.” Sixty-two percent of France’s gross domestic product is spent by government, the European Union’s highest level.
The French distrust of free



French far-right leader Marine Le Pen delivers a speech during a meeting in Avignon, France, on Thursday. DANIEL COLE/AP

markets is related to low trust of one another, and high trust in government bureaucracy, which employs 20% of France’s workforce. Prime Minister Georges Clemenceau (1841-1929) said, “France is an extremely fertile country: Bureaucrats are planted in its soil, and taxes spring up.” High income taxes (on top of a 20% value-added tax on most purchases) help explain why average annual hours worked per employee has decreased 20% in 30 years. France’s labor code fills 3,784 pages.
A French word describes the French disease: *dirigisme*, the micromanaging state as source and director of society’s creativity, which for that reason is another scarcity. The self-fulfilling assumption is that the public is infantile. Another assumption is that the civil service is omniscient. A French thinker, Frédéric Bastiat (1801-1850), warned against the cognitive dissonance inherent in paternalistic statism:
“The government should know everything and foresee everything in order to manage the lives of the people, and the people need only let themselves be taken care of. ... Nothing is more senseless than to base so many expectations on the state ... to assume the existence of collective wisdom and foresight after taking for granted the existence of individual imbecility and improvidence.”
In 2018, Macron’s climate change grandstanding produced a short-lived 23% increase in the tax on diesel fuel. Nearly two-thirds of French vehicles, which are disproportionately outside Paris, run on diesel. The diesel debacle included mass

protests that are the preferred French mode of notifying the paternalist state that the children are grumpy about government-as-parent.
Macron named the party he founded 13 months before winning the presidency in 2017 En Marche! (On the move). He titled his book “Revolution.” Since then, he has been on the move defining revolution down, retreating even from his vow to raise the pension-eligibility age from 62 to 65. Now, fighting populism with a dose of it, he suggests sending pension reform to almost certain defeat in a referendum.
The “verbally incontinent” (Granville’s description) Macron began his tone-deaf presidency by promising both “humility” and government with the grandeur of Jupiter, a Roman god. Really. Macron has, Granville writes, a politically perilous trait — an “ingrained dislike for ordinary people — or, at least, an inability to disguise that fact.”
France’s flirtation with Le Pen’s version of Henry Adams’s curdled notion of politics (“the systematic organization of hatreds”) illustrates how populists’ rote denunciations of “elites” open a path to power for demagogues. Today, one such is implicitly promising to wield the French state’s gigantic redistributive power to somehow redistribute esteem, thereby assuaging populists’ resentments. She could become president of the nation once considered the cradle of the Enlightenment.

George Will writes a twice-weekly column on politics and domestic and foreign affairs for The Washington Post.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Coach Staley could do more for South Carolina

As a passionate fan of UConn women’s basketball, I tip my hat to the South Carolina Gamecocks; well-deserved winners in every sense. But, I’d like to suggest to coach Dawn Staley that she use the public wind at her back to win at something even bigger than basketball respect, and that is human respect. Consider that for Coach Staley, a good part of her staff and players are women of color, and she has mentored her team and her university to winning its second national championship ever.
However, she could achieve on an even bigger stage since currently there are at least 112 markings in her state to honor the Confederacy, and on May 10 every year they observe Confederate Memorial Day where they fly that insidious flag of human bondage above the state Capitol. So rise up, Coach — beyond the great sport of women’s basketball — and publicly ask them to stop. You could lead by example by just trying, not to mention creating inspirational history.
Norman L. Bender, Woodbridge

Add another play to Arnott’s ‘must-see’ list

Christopher Arnott wrote a very informative article regarding “must-see” spring theater plays in Connecticut. The plays mentioned sound wonderful. However, there is one that I believe should be on the list. It is “Star of Freedom,” currently running at the Ivoryton Playhouse. It is understandable that it might have been overlooked since this is the world premiere,

but, nonetheless, it belongs on the list. The story, the acting, the score, are fantastic and should be seen by anyone who loves theater.
Ellen Atwood, Gales Ferry

Pro-Trump letter a waste of space



I still happen to think that the Letters section is meant to advance public discourse, but apparently the editors do not agree. Why did you publish the nonsensical letter from Barbara Spielman [April 12, “Yes, I miss you President Trump”]? She lists a litany of grievances, and apparently somehow thinks that Donald Trump would magically make her grievances disappear. It benefits no one, especially not paying subscribers to The Courant, for you to waste prime space publishing nonsense.
Martin Reiter, East Haddam



How could anybody miss Donald Trump?

Barbara Spielman bases her lament of Donald Trump being gone from office mainly on her wallet [Letters, April 12, “Yes, I miss you President Trump”]. When one looks at the actual numbers and facts of his years in office, one then must acknowledge the economy lost 2.9 million jobs and unemployment increased to 6.3%. The trade deficit went up. The number of people lacking health insurance increased by 3 million. The federal debt went up to \$21.6 trillion. Gun production rose, as did murder and assault cases. Yes, I would say we miss Trump the same way we missed the plague when it was finally gone.
Pam Bergren, Glastonbury


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OBITUARIES

Feeney, John J.



John J. Feeney, 80 of Wethersfield, formerly of Hartford passed away peacefully at his home on April 10, 2022. He is survived by his daughter (who he always called "Sunshine") Karen of Wethersfield; his sister Agnesmarie Quatrocelli, his nephew Paul Quatrocelli and his wife Sue, his niece Christina Trincherio, his niece Lisa Paquaretta and her husband Jay, and grand niece Alyssa Couture and grand nephew Ryan Couture. He is also survived by his former spouse (Karen's Mom) Sylvia Feeney and all his friends and second family at the Old Town, especially Kristine Kelly Lisella. He was predeceased by his mother and Father John J. and Marie (Carlson) Feeney and brother in law Peter Quatrocelli. John was employed by The Metropolitan District Commission (MDC) for over 33 years, retiring in 1999. He had a passion for golf, traveling all over the world, as far away as Australia in search of the perfect golf course. He was an avid fan of UCONN Women's Basketball and the NY Giants. If you knew John he always greeted you with these 2 words " Hey Partner".

Calling hours will be held On Tuesday April 19th from 4pm to 6pm at Dillon Baxter Funeral Home , 1276 Berlin Turnpike Wethersfield CT . A Mass of Christian Burial will held Wednesday, April 20th, 11:00 AM at Christ The King Parish/Corpus Christi Church, 601 Silas Deane Hwy. Wethersfield, CT. You are asked to go directly to the Church . The Burial will be at Village Cemetery in old Wethersfield, immediately following the mass. To share a memory of John, please visit www.dillonbaxter.com



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Morse, Mary A. (DAVIS)



Mary A. (Davis) Morse, 82, of Vernon, passed away peacefully on Thursday, March 31, 2022 at Vernon Manor. Born in Maine, the daughter of the late Milton and Theresa Davis, she grew up in Bridgeport and lived most of her life in Vernon. Prior to her retirement, Mary managed a laundromat in East Hartford for several years. She liked teddy bears and she enjoyed playing Bingo. She is survived by her daughter and son-in-law, Deborah and Jeffrey LaPre of East Hartford; seven grandchildren, and seven great grandchildren. She was also predeceased by her two sons, Richard Davis and Mark Morse. Graveside services will be held on Friday, April 22, 2022 at 11 a.m. at Ellington Center Cemetery, 95 Maple Street, Ellington. For online condolences and guest book please visit www.carmon-funeralhome.com



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Is state embracing more regionalism?

An expert weighs in

By Tom Condon
CT Mirror

Lyle Wray served as executive director of the Capitol Region Council of Governments from 2004 to 2021. CRCOG, as it is known, is the state's largest regional planning/council of governments, serving 38 cities and towns with a population more than one million. In the fall, Wray was presented with the Oz Griebel Regional Distinction

Award by the MetroHartford Alliance. Wray talked regionalism with Tom Condon, the Mirror's urban and regional affairs reporter.

As head of CRCOG, you promoted the idea of towns sharing services, sometimes a political challenge. What are some of CRCOG's notable accomplishments in this area?

We didn't invent the wheel — we built on prior regional efforts in public safety and cooperative purchasing. That provided a level of trust, which allowed us to expand cooperative purchas-

ing and homeland security cooperation. We built more shared services, often with an important IT element, such as online building permitting for towns and cloud-based servers for towns to replace their small computer systems. With new software, we were able to provide lower-cost data storage and cybersecurity efforts. We supported multitown programs in finance, public health, waste services and animal control, among others.

So there is probably more regional

activity than most people realize. And yet, it doesn't feel as if we are acting as a region. Indeed, we may be backsliding. In the past year, suburban towns have poached teachers and police officers from Hartford, which seems like the antithesis of regionalism. Your thoughts — are we moving forward, backward or sideways?

I think we're generally moving forward. "Poaching" happens anywhere in the country where employees feel they might get a better deal in a suburban environment. It is very unlikely that we

will offset it by creating "big bang" regional school districts or public safety departments; this has rarely been done across the country.

There are examples of successful regionalization. There's much more regional purchasing; we and CCM (Connecticut Conference of Municipalities) have training and other programs with a regional focus. At a granular level, towns are sharing personnel because they are short of workers, a situation that will likely get a lot worse soon.

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Harley Quinn Spinsanity at Six Flags New England's Gotham City is shown in 2018. Six Flags is open all week for spring break.

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Amusement parks opening for season

Here's what's new at Six Flags, Lake Compounce and Quassy

By Susan Dunne
Hartford Courant

Amusement-park season is back. Quassy in Middlebury, Lake Compounce in Bristol and Six Flags New England in Agawam, Massachusetts, all open for the summer this month.

"From the phone calls we've been getting and the season-pass sales, it seems everybody is chomping at the bit to get out. It's exciting," said George Frantzis, owner of Quassy. "We're ready to get back to some sort of normalcy, whatever that is now."

Six Flags

Six Flags, 1623 Main St.



ABOVE: Children enjoy their time on a ride at Quassy Amusement Park in Middlebury last year. COURANT FILE PHOTO

in Agawam, opened for the season on April 9, unveiling "the largest array of improvements in over a decade," Six Flags announced.

The park will be open

weekends and other select days, including April 18 to 22. The water park will open May 28. On June 18, the schedule will expand to seven days for the rest of the summer, until

Labor Day.

Among the newly unveiled enhancements are:

- Single-rider lines for unaccompanied visitors, to shorten wait times and fill all seats. The lines will be at Batman the Dark Knight, Harley Quinn Spinsanity, Supergirl Sky Flyer and other high-speed rides.

- A mobile-phone app to help guests spend less time waiting in line

- Mobile food ordering

- Mobile guest relations locations

- Increased seating, with more than 100 new picnic tables and shady spots to rest

- More streamlined entry process

Admission at the gate

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Moving forward on data privacy

Here's how state looks to strengthen consumer protections

By Erica E. Phillips
CT Mirror

For the last few years, Connecticut lawmakers have been working to develop legislation providing stronger protections for consumer data — a task made all the more urgent as the COVID-19 pandemic drove much of daily life and work online.

After efforts stalled in the 2021 session, a new push this year could add Connecticut to the growing list of states enacting consumer data privacy laws.

Senate Bill 6, which could be heard on the floor as soon as this week, would allow consumers to see which companies are collecting their data and what data those companies are collecting — and to opt out of sales of that information to third parties. Consumers under 18 would have to opt in to data collection.

The law would also require companies to notify consumers about their privacy rights and to protect the data they collect. The law would go into effect July 1, 2023.

"In absence of action by the federal government, it's incumbent upon the states to step up to protect our citizens and their privacy," said Sen. James Maroney, D-Milford, chair of the General Assembly's general law committee, which introduced the bill.

Maroney said he's spent much of the last two years working with lobbyists and advocates around the country to ensure the legislation aligns with other states' laws and doesn't create challenges for companies that operate across state lines.

"I've gone to great lengths to ensure interoperability," he said.

The protections provided in Connecticut's S.B. 6 hew closely

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Event will focus on Black roles in comics

DiasporaCon will be at university's North Haven campus

By Christopher Arnott
Hartford Courant

A DiasporaCon will bring Black comics creators and scholars, as well as such celebrities as "Spawn" star Michael Jai White, to Quinnipiac University's North Haven campus on Saturday.

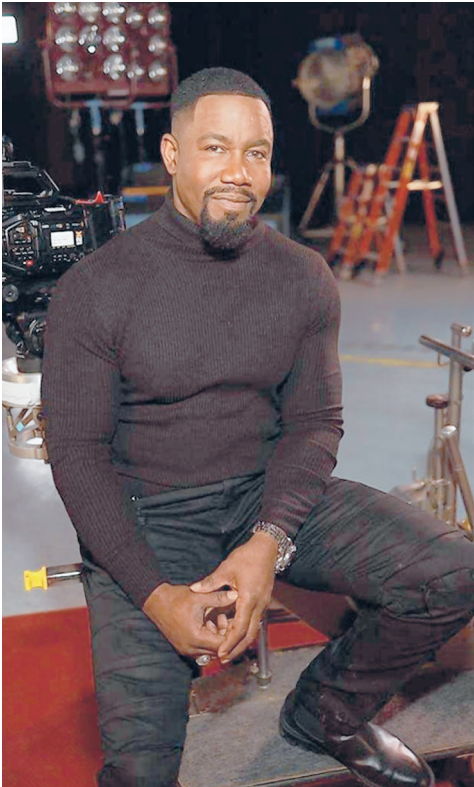
The event is "for people across the board: fans, collectors, people who want to know what a graphic novel is. It's the opportunity of a lifetime," says acclaimed comic historian and professor William Foster, who arranged many of the talks and presentations.

It is billed as being "created to cultivate awareness of the creativity, inno-

vation and representation of the African Diaspora in the comic and graphic novel industry." The "Con" in the title stands for "conference" rather than "convention," but along with the talks, presentations and how-to discussions, there will be vendors selling comics, original art and other items.

Among the guests are White, acknowledged as the first Black actor to play an established comic book superhero in a major motion picture (as Al Simmons in 1997's "Spawn"); graphic novelist and media studies professor John Jennings; and cartoonist Joe Young of the Hartford Animation & Film Institute. There's an element of local pride to DiasporaCon. White recently opened a film

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Film actor and producer Michael Jai White is one of the guests who will be at DiasporaCon on Saturday at Quinnipiac University's North Haven campus. COURTESY DIASPORACON

Classic film 'Christmas in Connecticut' to get musical

Goodspeed Opera House to put on show

By Christopher Arnott
Hartford Courant

The Goodspeed Opera House is taking another stab at a Christmas musical, adapting a film classic set here in Connecticut.

"Christmas in Connecticut — A New Musical" will play the Goodspeed Opera House from Nov. 18 through Dec. 30. The show is based on the 1945 screwball comedy film starring Barbara Stanwyck as Liz Lane, a newspaper columnist who specializes in cooking and homemaking tips but whose own skills in those departments are questionable. When her boss invites himself over for what he expects will be a homecooked feast in a well-appointed rural homestead, Liz must magically conjure up all those ingredients, plus a loving husband.

Besides its name in the title, "Christmas in Connecticut" has a further connection to the Nutmeg State. The film's story is thought to be inspired by Southbury-based writer Gladys Taber, who wrote magazine columns about her life at Stillmeadow Farm. Taber's "Diary of Domesticity" ran from 1937 to 1957 in "Ladies' Home Journal" magazine, followed by a similar column called "Butternut Wisdom" which ran in "Family Circle" magazine from 1959 to 1968.

The movie "Christmas in Connecticut" was not actually filmed in Connecticut, and neither was a 1992 remake directed by Arnold Schwarzenegger, so this will be the first "Christmas in Connecticut" that's truly located in the state.

The musical has a book by Patrick Pacheco and Erik Forrest Jackson, music by Jason Howland

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Along with municipal retirements, nearly a quarter of the state’s workforce will be eligible for retirement on July 1 of this year. Will that force us to rethink how we deliver services?

We’ll see. Change is always difficult, and we have been set in our ways for a long time. Shortage of skilled staff in towns may spur more efforts in this direction over time.

To back up a bit, why pursue regionalism? Connecticut’s fragmented town government, which can be traced back to the autonomous Congregational churches of the 17th and 18th centuries, may be inefficient and redundant, but it is what people are used to and comfortable with, or so it seems.

If we are out to provide effective, efficient and responsive government, and do so at a reasonable price, then doing things at a regional scale is one important tool. The rationales are critical mass, economy of scale and the correspondence of the geography of a problem with that of the agencies meeting the challenge.

I get economy of scale. It might be 120 towns in a bulk purchasing combine, to reduce everyone’s cost. Critical mass might be 12 towns supporting a water and sewer authority. How about a geography example?

Sure. Let’s say you want to clean up the Connecticut River. If you just clean up Hartford’s discharge, but Springfield was still dumping raw sewage, it does not make a lot of sense.

Your example would require state and federal authorities, EPA New England, because the geography of the problem goes beyond one state?

Yes.

I guess the challenge is to determine what services can best be delivered regionally. How did CRCOG proceed?

We picked our battles on shared services and regionalization. We tried to find the most effective services that would engender the least political resistance. It’s tricky, at times.

I agree. Look at efforts to regionalize 911 call centers. The last time I looked, the state had more than 100 emergency call centers, formally called public safety answering points, or PSAPS. While there are a some

that are consolidated and seem to work fine, efforts in recent years to consolidate more of them have gone nowhere. Clearly the technology is available; Harris County in Texas, (Houston) with more than 4 million people, has one PSAP. Why is this a hard sell?

Opposition to 911 consolidation has been strong at the local level. It is not a technical problem but a political one. Local staff do not want to give up their own PSAPs. Plus, consolidation involves some level of reorganization, which almost no one enjoys.

Don’t regional services save money?

Long answer short, there is money to be saved. But given a \$40 billion state budget and tens of billions of local budgets, the savings are not likely to be on a huge scale. Still, by integrating a whole bunch of services, just things that are reachable, we could save perhaps hundreds of millions of dollars a year. As just one example, when I managed a county in the Midwest, we had 65 PSAP dispatchers for 450,000 people. Today, one city in Connecticut, Hartford, has 55 dispatchers for 120,000 residents. So yes, there is some money to be saved.

What things are reachable? You’ve observed that education and public safety are at present the third rails of regionalism, not going to happen. Where are the opportunities?

For one, back-office functions, things like human resources, finance, insurance, risk management, marketing, and others. People won’t run for the pitchforks over where their tax bills are mailed from. Another area is human services, which are delivered regionally in most of the country. For example, in Charlotte-Mecklenburg, N.C., the county health and human services agency works with the United Way to deliver an array of human services, an efficient system. And human services, as well as K-12 education, is where the money is.

Your former agency, CRCOG, played a major role in food distribution and vaccination programs during the pandemic. Do you see the agency playing a similar role in the future?

CRCOG is a resource for the region, a major asset for responding to a variety of challenges.

Which brings us to the question of capacity. Former West Hartford Mayor Scott Slifka once said regionalism was hard to achieve in Connecticut because the towns didn’t have excess personnel to assign to regional projects, and the COGs had small staffs. CRCOG, far and away the largest COG, has a staff of

25. If increasing capacity is important, how do we achieve it?

Part of the solution is to build capacity with savings from economies of scale or other efficiencies in town services. Smaller communities could easily share finance and other functions and use the savings to develop more shared resources. This needs to be organized and supported, but that can be done. For example, Franklin County, Mass., does financial services for many towns on a subscription basis, something we might consider.

Do we have too many COGs? We once had 15 regional planning agencies, some of which were COGs. About a decade ago that was changed, and now there are nine planning agencies, all of which are COGs. Is nine too many?

When the COGs were reorganized, the original concept was five regions, like the workforce and homeland security regions. But, long story short, the way the implementation was rolled out allowed for a larger number. With all the issues we now face, I would not suggest we try to change the number of COGs. That ship has sailed.

There’s been some effort in recent years, led by former East Granby First Selectman Dave Kilbon and others, to empower the COGs, notably to give them the power to borrow money, with member approval, for economic development. Good idea?

Any big moves on COG powers or funding in my view requires a plan for how the COGs will evolve. Should the COGs focus on economic development, human services, or public services? What sequence should we follow? Can we get state support over time for the effort? That conversation needs to happen.

One thing impeding regional economic development, according to 1000 Friends of Connecticut and others, is the state’s heavy emphasis on local property taxes to fund education, because it encourages towns to compete against one another for tax base, rather than working together. Agree?

Strongly agree. Property taxes are a big issue. We are in the short list of states with very high contribution of total taxation coming from property taxes. It makes sense for many reasons to have a fairer and more balanced tax system among income, sales and property taxes. Again, we need a plan to get there. I personally like a combination of property tax relief on an income-adjusted basis combined with a much larger state share of K-12 funding, but those elements

need to be part of an overall game plan.

The COGs are also regional planning agencies. Do we have meaningful regional planning, or do developers just build where they can get land and financing?

We have an advisory planning process. We could ramp up planning incentives to have construction where it should go and ramp up redevelopment and development along transportation corridors. There is definitely room for improvement.

Some legislators and organizations such as the Connecticut Council of Municipalities and the MetroHartford Alliance are encouraging regionalism. Do you sense an opportunity? What can make it happen?

There seems to be more discussion of regional solutions. We need a more specific agenda that we can work on. The state can incent more regional efforts, and over time we can step up the progress. It will take time, leadership and persistence. We need to keep moving forward, but it’s a long-term process.

Will technology advance regional cooperation?

There is huge potential for IT based regional shared services — particularly back-office functions — in the coming years. The pressure from retirements and skilled worker shortage should encourage us to look to IT as part of the response.

You are from Winnipeg, Manitoba. Like Hartford, it is a capital city that lost its NHL hockey team. Vastly different from Hartford, most of the people in the Winnipeg region (750,000 of 895,000) live in the city, which is 180 square miles, and it has a form of regional governance. How does that work?

In May 1970, the suburbs and core city were merged, including police, fire and schools. I would suggest that the 50-year track record is pretty impressive. Theirs is of course a vastly different political context and is not a model for the reality we face.

You once observed, correctly I think, that hardly anyone in Hartford ever fully retires. What’s next for Lyle Wray?

Deal with some health issues, continue to teach graduate school, look for the odd consulting gig and resume world travel when that makes sense. Always interested in working on public issues along the way.

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to those in the Colorado Privacy Act, enacted last year — which landed between the Virginia Consumer Data Protection Act and the stronger California laws passed in 2018 and 2020. More than a dozen states are considering similar bills this year, including Massachusetts, New York and Rhode Island.

During public testimony before the General Law Committee, the bill received pushback from business groups that argued that the ability to collect and share data was important to their operations. Several raised concerns about the costs of compliance and questioned whether the legislation was duplicative to other regulations already in place. Hospitals, utilities and other groups proposed making exemptions for certain types of organizations.

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production facility, Jaigantic Studios, in New Haven. Young works and teaches in the Hartford area. A New Haven artist, Alana Ladson, designed the conference’s logo, which shows a pair of Black superheroes.

Foster is a noted comics historian known for his educational presentation “Changing Image of Blacks in Comics” and the essay collection “Looking for a Face Like Mine,” both of which explore Black representation in comics.

Don C. Sawyer III, Quinnipiac’s vice president for equity, inclusion and lead-

On the other end of the spectrum, Maureen Mahoney of Consumer Reports advocated for the bill to go further in expanding consumer privacy rights.

A group representing trial lawyers, opposed a provision in the bill that limits enforcement to the attorney general and doesn’t allow consumers to seek civil damages directly from a business.

Connecticut Attorney General William Tong testified in support of the bill, writing: “The bill enables our Office to appropriately investigate potential violations and make use of a wider array of redress options, including penalties and injunctive relief where circumstances warrant.” Among Tong’s misgivings, however, was the potential for “sweeping exemptions that could serve to dilute the effect of the law.”

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ership development, says hosting DiasporaCon is the result of the university “connecting with different people in the community, building relationships. This is the important stuff, where you show action, show that the university is open to all.”

DiasporaCon

DiasporaCon happens Saturday from noon to 6 p.m. at the Center for Medicine, Nursing and Health Sciences on the North Haven campus of Quinnipiac University, 370 Bassett Road, North Haven. Admission is \$20. Vendor tables are available for \$75. Registration at eventbrite.com. Tickets can be purchased at the door.

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is \$79.99, \$69.99 for kids. Discounts are available when buying online in advance. Discounts depend on which day the tickets are for. sixflags.com.

Lake Compounce

Lake Compounce, 185 Enterprise Drive in Bristol, will open for the season on April 30 for weekends. Crocodile Cove water park opens on May 28, and the hours expand to seven days on June 16.

A new water-slide attraction, Storm Surge, and a new concession stand, Lakeside Café, will be introduced this season. To appeal to the littlest visitors, Kids Fest will take place from April 30 to May 22, with special foods, activities, entertainment and visits by TV characters Arthur and Pete the Cat.

When bought on-site, single-day admission is \$59.99, \$49.99 junior and senior. When bought online in advance, steep discounts are available, depending on what day the ticket is for. lakecompounce.com.

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and lyrics by Amanda Yesnowitz. It will be directed by Amy Corcoran, who directed the national tour of the musical “Escape to Margaritaville” that recently played The Bushnell.

Besides being a new Christmas musical for the theater, “Christmas in Connecticut”

Quassy

Quassy, 2132 Middlebury Road in Middlebury, will open for the season for weekends next Saturday and expand to seven days a week around Memorial Day.

For the first two weekends, guests who bring nonperishable food, pet food or toiletries for the Quassy Cares program will get discounts off their all-day ride passes.

New this year is Rocket Rapids, “a unique water coaster. You have this tube you sit in and it is propelled by water jets, propelled even up hills. It’s a game changer in the water park,” Frantzis said.

GrubHub service at concession stands to guests in the park, which was introduced last year, will be expanded.

Weekday one-day passes, for both the park and water park, are \$34.99, \$29.99 for seniors, military and those under 45 inches. Weekend one-day passes, for both the park and water park, are \$39.99, \$34.99 for seniors, military and those under 45 inches. quassy.com.

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will be the second world-premiere musical at the Goodspeed this year, following the summer run of a new adaptation of “Anne of Green Gables.”

Tickets for “Christmas in Connecticut” went on sale to the general public starting April 6. Go to <https://www.goodspeed.org> for tickets or more information.

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PETS UP FOR ADOPTION



Kittens

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Milo

Milo is a handsome 6-year-old who loves his belly rubbed and lots of petting. While Milo is FIV+, he is very healthy and simply requires annual vet appointments. Milo has a lot of personality that would bring joy to a special home. No dogs. If interested, go to CatTalesCT.org/cats/Milo-2 or call 860-344-9043 or email info@CatTalesCT.org. ... Cat Tales’ Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser is April 29 at the Elks Club, 44 Maynard St., Middletown. Cost is \$20/ person and includes dinner, dessert, coffee or tea. Soft drinks and alcoholic beverages are available at the cash bar. For reservations, visit us at <http://cattalesct.org/events/spaghetti-dinner-fundraising-event> or email info@cattalesct.org and reference Spaghetti Dinner.



Willow

Willow is a sweet, playful and adorable 3-year-old. She’s also very entertaining carrying around her spring toys and talking loudly. She enjoys a good head and back scratch and is quite sociable when visitors stop by. Willow loves routine. A calm adult/older teen home where she can curl up on the bed and “supervise” her people during the day would be perfect. She is looking for someone who understands shy kitties with a sassy side, and she could thrive with the right male cat friend. To learn more, please contact Our Companions at 860-242-9999 or email Helpline@OurCompanions.org.

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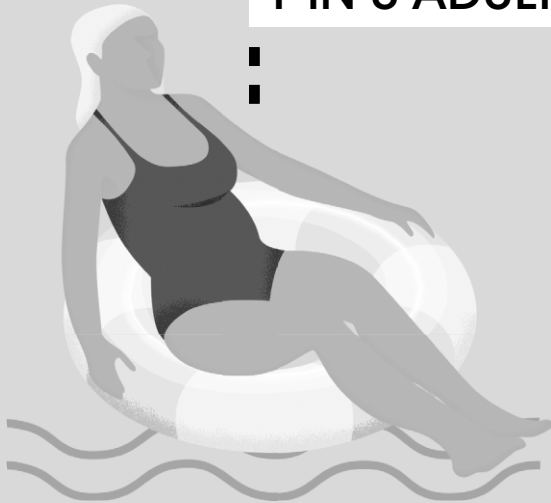


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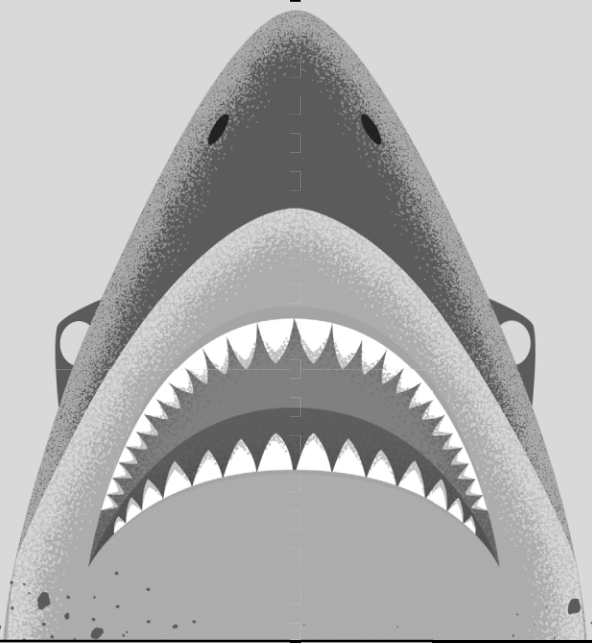
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NOW PLAYING Reviews of movies showing
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‘ALINE’: There’s an episode of “30 Rock” that features the character Jenna Maroney announcing she’s been cast in an unauthorized Janis Joplin biopic, but since the filmmakers don’t have the rights to Joplin’s life, Maroney is playing a Joplin-like character named “Jackie Jormp-Jomp.” But what was a silly gag for the NBC comedy has now become real, in the form of “Aline,” the unauthorized biopic “inspired by” the life of French Canadian singing superstar Celine Dion. The film follows the life of Aline Dieu, the youngest of 13 children, a child prodigy who takes the world by storm with her powerful voice, falls in love with and marries her much older manager, sings the most famous movie song in the world, and takes up a residency in Vegas, while mothering her three boys, including twins, and reckoning with the mortality of her older husband. It’s the Celine Dion story, with a few names changed, and a couple of snippets of her most famous songs — fairly standard biopic fare. In French with English subtitles. 2:08. 2 ½ stars. — *Katie Walsh, Tribune News Service*

‘ALL THE OLD KNIVES’: In “All the Old Knives,” ex-lovers and spies Henry and Celia meet for dinner in an upscale California beach town. They reminisce, haltingly, but this is no ordinary get-together. Celia (Thandiwe Newton) left the job years ago and shed her ties to the CIA in favor of marriage and children; Henry (Chris Pine) is still on the job and he has been tasked with investigating a deadly airline hijacking from nearly a decade back, when they were both based out of Vienna. Turns

out, there was a leak that sabotaged their efforts for a better outcome. Over sips of wine, fine dining and subtle mutual interrogation, this reunion is meant to shed light on the mole’s identity. Who double-crossed whom? 1:41. 1 ½ stars. Streaming on Prime Video. — *Nina Metz, Chicago Tribune*

‘AMBULANCE’: Director Michael Bay’s “Ambulance” celebrates Los Angeles as a shining city built on a cloverleaf of speed, concrete, yelling, automatic gunfire and rugged American individualism on both sides of the law. At weird intervals the action cuts away to a fluttering faceful of U.S. flag, as a reminder of where we are and who we are, and what the movie’s selling: national pride in a certain kind of mediocre action picture. None of the collisions, Gatling gun massacres or SWAT sniper stare-downs in “Ambulance” can compete with Jake Gyllenhaal’s popeyed, this-guy-goes-to-11 dramatics in the role of the turtlenecked bank robber under pressure, a character whose heist management style tends toward hammering repetition of simple commands. 2:16. 2 stars. — *Michael Phillips, Chicago Tribune*

‘THE CONTRACTOR’: Chris Pine slips into his best spy-wear for Tarik Saleh’s “The Contractor,” a character study (cloaked as a thriller) of a U.S. Army Ranger who tries his hand in the murky world of private security. Written by J.P. Davis, “The Contractor” paints a deeply cynical picture of life after service for American military heroes, having destroyed their bodies on the battlefield and left to fend for themselves and

their families in an increasingly brutal world. 1:43. 2 ½ stars. Available via video on demand. — *Katie Walsh*

‘FANTASTIC BEASTS: THE SECRETS OF DUMBLEDORE’: The third installment in the “Harry Potter” prequel franchise, “Fantastic Beasts: The Secrets of Dumbledore,” arrives four years after the second film, “Fantastic Beasts: The Crimes of Grindelwald.” The plot concerns Grindelwald’s grasps at power in the magical world because he essentially wants to start a race war with the muggles (humans). Set in the 1930s (or thereabouts), the fascist vibes are thick in the air as the motley crew of Albus Dumbledore (Jude Law), magizoologist Newt Scamander (Eddie Redmayne), Newt’s brother Theseus (Callum Turner), Hogwarts professor Lally Hicks (Jessica Williams), and muggle baker Jacob (Dan Fogler) set out to foil Grindelwald’s plans by confusing his visions of the future. Does the plan work? Not really, but honestly, who’s to say? After all the running around they still end up at some rigged election in Bhutan in which a magical creature will select the “pure of heart” to lead the magical world, if anyone still cares. There is nothing of consequence that occurs in this movie, as everyone involved seems to be going through the motions in order to cash a check and fulfill their obligations. 2:22. 1 ½ stars. — *Katie Walsh*

‘FATHER STU’: “Father Stu”? He’s not a regular priest, he’s a cool priest. A priest who swears, a priest with a history of boozing and boxing. That’s the story told, at least by the film’s poster, which features a diptych of star

Mark Wahlberg, looking rough and rueful in a mug shot, and then beatific in Catholic clergy apparel. The journey between the two photos is the dominion of “Father Stu,” the directorial debut of Rosalind Ross, who also wrote the screenplay, though there’s more to the story of Catholic priest Stuart Long. There is a profound grace to be found in “Father Stu,” when everyone gets out of the way to let the message of suffering as spirituality just breathe. But one can’t help but feel like that comes too little and too late to have any significant impact. 2:04. 2 stars. — *Katie Walsh*

‘MORBIUS’: “Morbius” is an itty sort of Marvel movie, from Sony and Columbia, a little “Doctor Strange” drenched with gallons of “Venom.” Early in the movie the character of Dr. Michael Morbius (Jared Leto), introduced originally in a 1971 “Amazing Spider-Man” comic storyline, turns down his Nobel Prize for inventing artificial blood and saving countless lives. The discovery was accidental, he reasons. The film, just this side of an R-rated melee, is one big fake blood squib. Struggling with a rare blood disorder, Dr. M ’copters into Costa Rica to subject himself to a cave-fest of vampire bats. His research suggests a blend of human and bat DNA will cure him, and he’ll be able to save his similarly afflicted childhood friend nicknamed “Milo” (played by Matt Smith). An awful lot of the movie depends on the chemistry between Leto and Smith, playing old friends and new enemies. I don’t relish pinning blame on a particular star/executive producer, in this case Leto, since so much



Jessica Williams and Callum Turner in “Fantastic Beasts: The Secrets of Dumbledore,” the third installment in the “Harry Potter” prequel franchise. **WARNER BROS. PICTURES**

in corporate franchise commerce has a chance to go wrong before a single performer gets in front of a camera. But my bafflement regarding Leto is becoming chronic. 1:44. 1 ½ stars. — *Michael Phillips*

‘SONIC THE HEDGEHOG 2’: Based on the enduring Sega video game franchise about a speedy blue creature, “Sonic the Hedgehog” raced into theaters in early 2020. A mix of live-action and digital animation, “Sonic” was a reasonably fun family friendly adventure that benefited from a wonderful voice performance from Ben Schwartz as the heroic Sonic and generally enjoyable cartoonish shenanigans from Jim Carrey as

his nemesis, the villainous Dr. Robotnik. With “Sonic the Hedgehog 2,” we get a sequel that is, of course, bigger. And, unfortunately, longer. In the movie’s production notes, producer Toby Ascher speaks of efforts to create “a Sonic cinematic universe,” because, we can only assume, the world has too few cinematic universes at this point. Well, guys, if we are to see more of Blue Justice and his buddies, a little less may prove to be a bit more next time. 2:02. 2 stars. — *Mark Meszoros, Willoughby News-Herald*

RATINGS: The movies listed are rated according to the following key: 4 stars, excellent; 3 stars, good; 2 stars, fair; 1 star, poor.

CELEBRITIES

Kelley to star in series about Davis

From news services

Elijah Kelley will take on his meatiest role to date as the late singer, actor and dancer Sammy Davis Jr. Kelley, 35, who previously starred in music-focused projects such as “The New Edition Story,” “The Wiz Live!” and the “Empire” spinoff “Star” has been tapped to portray the trailblazing entertainer in a forthcoming biographical series.

Hulu announced Thursday that the eight-part series, executive produced by “Precious” director Lee Daniels, will explore Davis’ life “through the lens of his racial identity and his complex relationship with the Black community.”

Davis, who died in 1990 at age 64, is largely recognized as America’s first Black superstar with a career spanning 50 years in theater, film, television, music and concert performance.

“This is a deep dive into the origin story of blackness in Hollywood and how things still remain the same,” Daniels wrote on Instagram Thursday. “... Thank you @hulu for letting me tell my story, Sammy’s story and the story of so many other black artists.”

The series is based on Wil Haygood’s award-winning 2006 biography “In Black and White: the Life of Sammy Davis, Jr.”

Newton disputes firing reports: Thandiwe Newton’s camp is denying reports that she left the third installment of the “Magic Mike” trilogy over a disagreement with Channing Tatum, the film’s star and producer.

The actor, who was set to co-star with Tatum in the forthcoming stripper saga “Magic Mike’s Last Dance,” reportedly exited the film after shooting for 11 days in London.

“Thandiwe Newton has



Elijah Kelley, seen Oct. 13, will portray Sammy Davis Jr. in a series executive produced by Lee Daniels. **RICH FURY/GETTY**

made the difficult decision to step away from the production of Warner Bros Pictures’ Magic Mike’s Last Dance to deal with family matters,” a spokesperson for Warner Bros. said in a statement Wednesday.

But a report in the Sun that same day claimed that she and Tatum had a falling out. The British tabloid also claimed that Newton had been fired. That prompted representatives for the star to respond to the reports, calling them “completely inaccurate,” the Guardian and the Daily Mail reported.

Oscar winner Salma Hayek has replaced Newton in the film.

But Langella was fired: Actor Frank Langella, 84, has been fired from Netflix’s limited series “The Fall Of The House Of Usher” after being accused of sexual harassment on set. The lead role of Roderick Usher will be recast.

TMZ recently reported Netflix had launched an investigation after Langella

touched a female co-star’s leg during a rehearsal and asked if she liked it. He also allegedly made an “inappropriate joke that was sexual in nature.”

Vallee cause of death revealed: A cause of death has been revealed for Emmy-winning director Jean-Marc Vallee. The filmmaker’s death in December was from “a fatal cardiac arrhythmia secondary to severe coronary atherosclerosis,” his family told Deadline, citing a coroner’s report.

The Canadian-born Vallee was found dead at his Quebec City cabin in late December at age 58.

April 18 birthdays: Actor Robert Hooks is 85. Actor Hayley Mills is 76. Actor James Woods is 75. Actor Rick Moranis is 69. TV host Conan O’Brien is 59. Actor Eric McCormack is 59. Actor David Tennant is 51. Actor Melissa Joan Hart is 46. TV personality Kourtney Kardashian is 43. Actor America Ferrera is 38. Actor Vanessa Kirby is 34.



ASK AMY

By Amy Dickinson

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Blindsided partner wondering where to start

Dear Amy: I recently returned from a weeklong visit to help my 90-year-old father, whereupon my husband of 46 years sat me down and said he had contacted a lawyer to file for a divorce, rented an apartment and wanted me to sell our home.

He has always been a good, solid, loving partner up to this point.

I was completely blindsided by this.

He says there’s no affair. He doesn’t want to see if marriage counseling will work out, although he’s been going to a therapist privately for a year.

I’m in complete shock. Where do I start emotionally? Legally? — *Mourning in Montana*

Dear Mourning: This is ... a truly terrible shock, and I am so sorry. You seem to be stepping into a new demographic of elders: those experiencing what is being called “gray divorce.”

My main advice is for you not to make any financial moves (certainly do not put your home up for sale) until you see an attorney who will represent your interests and help you to approach this dissolution in careful stages. Developing your own game plan will help you to be more in control.

Immediately gather all of your tax returns, retirement accounts, income statements, deeds and any other financial records, and make an extra set of copies. Your husband cannot force you to sell your house on his timetable. Do not agree to anything until you are certain it is the wisest course for you.

Your husband has been

deceiving you and has spent the last year strategizing and putting his plan firmly in place without giving you the benefit of any warning. That is both cowardly and brazen.

Until your relationship stabilizes, I don’t think it’s wise to believe everything he says about his decision or the reasons behind it.

I realize that this is a highly charged and emotional time, but if you start to focus on some of these business matters, you will gain some clarity and feel less blindsided.

It would be a big help if you could confide in savvy and stalwart friends or family members. You need people who will not add to the drama, but be a sounding board for you. A compassionate therapist would be invaluable.

Dear Amy: I’m a millennial male about to turn 40.

When I was 26, the “Great Recession” hit and my business sunk. I had to move back with my parents for a few years, and I was deeply depressed.

I eventually built another business and got back on my feet. I was able to travel to four continents and nine countries. These were my modest life goals.

I have no wife, kids or pets. I try to help others and volunteer monthly. I also support charities through financial giving.

I feel like I’ve already accomplished my goals before age 40. This is a good and bad thing because I’m slightly bored.

What do you recommend I do? — *Bored Millennial*

Dear Bored: Bored people are boring people, and so

the obvious answer is for you to set yourself some new goals and seek new and life-enriching experiences.

You could work to enhance your education, set an ambitious health or fitness goal, start a garage band or read a book a week.

Or, if your work-life will allow it, you could combine two of your interests and work for a charity overseas for a month or two.

A book you might find inspiring is “Be the Hero of Your Life: Ditch the Excuses, Take Your Hero’s Journey, and Find Your Life’s Purpose,” by J. Scott MacMillan (2019, Mobes Publishing). The author describes the concept of “the hero’s journey,” and illustrates how understanding these stages of life can lead you to insight. The hero’s journey typically starts with a “call to adventure.” This could be yours.

Dear Amy: I know you don’t like the term “maiden name,” but what do you propose to replace it with? The term is outdated and reeks of a paternalistic society, but “birth name” has its own connotations. — *Are There Any Maidens Left?*

Dear Are There: You bring up a great point. Women could refer to their original surnames as their “family name.”

Weirdly — just yesterday I was asked about my own “maiden name.” Sigh.

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The character Sally in "It's the Small Things, Charlie Brown." PEANUTS WORLDWIDE/APPLE

'Peanuts' celebrates Earth Day, Arbor Day with fresh programs

By Mark Kennedy
Associated Press

Everyone knows that Charlie Brown's nemesis is a kite-eating tree. But the "Peanuts" hero is hoping to cool that kind of rivalry as we head into Earth Day and Arbor Day.

A new "Peanuts" special that recently debuted on Apple TV+ celebrates the environment and highlights that even tiny changes can help the Earth. "It's the Small Things, Charlie Brown" also has an original new song by Ben Folds. Earth Day is on April 22.

In the 40-minute film, Charlie Brown's hope to finally win the neighborhood championship baseball game is derailed when his little sister, Sally, tries to protect a dandelion growing on the pitcher's mound. Soon everyone is cleaning up the ballfield.

"Charlie Brown kind of represents probably 90% of the population and doesn't really want to take on any challenges with the world. And here's Sally, representing the new generation that really does care about the small things and realizes that small things can make a difference," said Craig Schulz, son of the late "Peanuts"

creator Charles M. Schulz, and who co-wrote the teleplay and helped executive produce the new film.

It's one of several ways the cartoon gang is celebrating the Earth this year. "Peanuts" is also opening its vault to release one of its classic cartoons, 1976's "It's Arbor Day, Charlie Brown," on Apple TV+ on April 29 — Arbor Day. And a new original short video, "We Need Our Trees," is posted on the "Peanuts" YouTube channels in the U.S. and abroad, as well as GoNoodle.com.

"The 'Peanuts' universe can integrate with what's going on in the world," Craig Schulz said. "There's obviously more to come and more great stories to tell. This cast is so rich and diverse that the stories almost seem endless."

All of the "Peanuts" content springs from the 18,000 strips that Charles M. Schulz left behind, which Melissa Menta, head of marketing for Peanuts Worldwide, calls "the Bible of the brand." In it are stories of failure and frustration but also friendship and kindness, both to people and the planet.

"It's just very genuine, so you don't get hit over the head — well, maybe one of the characters hits

somebody on the head — but the messages are really subtle and clever," Menta said. "I always say every generation should feel like 'Peanuts' is their generation."

Other TV and streaming programming that honors Earth Day includes two documentaries from Disney+/National Geographic: "Explorer: The Last Tepui," featuring climbers ascending a 1,000-foot sheer cliff, and "The Biggest Little Farm: The Return," which revisits John and Molly Chester on their 10-year journey to breathe life back into a dried up farm. Both arrive April 22 on Disney+.

Paramount+ recently launched a special new carousel titled "Earth Through Different Lenses" on its homepage filled with documentaries highlighting the work being done by environmentalists around the world.

And Discovery+ has a documentary narrated by Ryan Reynolds that outlines 10 things we can do right now to cut carbon dioxide from our lives, including eating less meat, planting more trees and washing fewer clothes. "Curb Your Carbon" is available on the streaming service April 21.

HOROSCOPES

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Aries (March 21-April 19): Unique ways to bring in revenue could occur to you. You have been trying to brainstorm different ways to secure funds. Inspiration is available all around you if you are able to search for it. Allow someone you admire to motivate you.

Taurus (April 20-May 20): Deep conversation may be available to you. You might be shocked by the source of this communication, but that doesn't change its depth. You can also avoid interrupting the other person — instead, just listen. It could shed light on something you've never been able to understand.

Gemini (May 21-June 20): A conflict could change how you feel about someone in your life. In the heat of the moment, someone involved may show their hand in a way that they weren't planning to, and you won't be able to unhear what you've heard. This knowledge will likely aid you.

Cancer (June 21-July 22): Someone may try to convince you to commit an irresponsible act. It's in your best interest to avoid walking on the dangerous side, as it could be damaging to your reputation, or at least embarrassing! Don't give in to peer pressure — show them that you make your own decisions.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22): A hidden enemy might give you advice today that is less helpful than it seems. While it could sound like they're trying to be helpful and give you a tip, you might not be experienced enough in this area to know what's wrong and what's right. Be wary and try to double-check with another source.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): You may feel the urge to change up a monotonous routine. Taking a drive and singing along to your favorite music can help you feel more free and abandon the idea that you have to do the same things every day to be mature. Inject some spontaneity into your life and watch your soul bloom.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Your natural ability to mediate might serve you well. Your significant other or a close friend may clash with another loved one of yours, and everyone wants you to pick a side. You want everyone to get along — fortunately, you can ease the tension by encouraging them to compromise.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): You shouldn't expect business as usual, because someone will likely bring you news that then changes your plans. This could be work-related, like a system overhaul, or it could be health-related, such as a sick friend to check up on. Be flexible and roll with the punches.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): A permanent change to your routine might make today a time to start over. You may have just finished learning a skill or information, and then your superior brings you new rules and expects you to begin again from scratch. Take your time learning so that you absorb the fresh information.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): You could be breaking from tradition to follow your own path. A guardian's dreams for you might not resonate with you, making you veer away from those goals. It is your life, and following your intuition is much more likely to get you where you want to be.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): A surprise from a loved one could improve this dreary day. You might feel like a lack of energy is preventing you from spending time with friends. Instead of letting this bring you down, reach out to someone and let them know. They could improve your mood with stories or jokes.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20): Your social roster may be losing some and gaining some at the same time. While some friends may be leaving, new friends should soon enter the picture. Expect to encounter fresh points of view! Your memories will stay in your heart, but make room for new people.

TODAY IN HISTORY

Associated Press

On April 18, 1906, a devastating earthquake struck San Francisco, followed by raging fires; estimates of the final death toll range between 3,000 and 6,000.

In 1955, physicist Albert

Einstein died in Princeton, New Jersey, at age 76.

In 1966, Bill Russell was named player-coach of the Boston Celtics, becoming the NBA's first Black coach.

In 1983, 63 people were killed at the U.S. Embassy in Beirut, Lebanon, by a suicide bomber.

In 2016, "Hamilton," the stage biography of Ameri-

ca's first treasury secretary, won the Pulitzer Prize for drama.

In 2019, the final report from Robert Mueller's Russia investigation was made public; it outlined Russian interference in the 2016 presidential election but did not establish that members of the Trump campaign conspired or coordinated with the Russian government.

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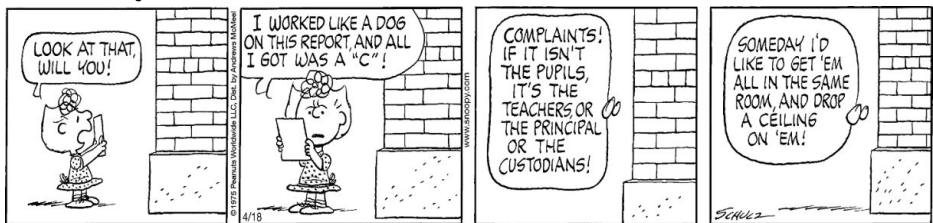
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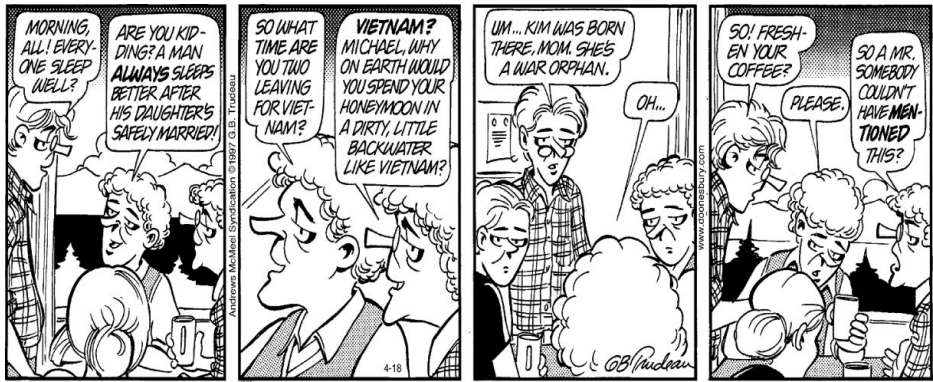
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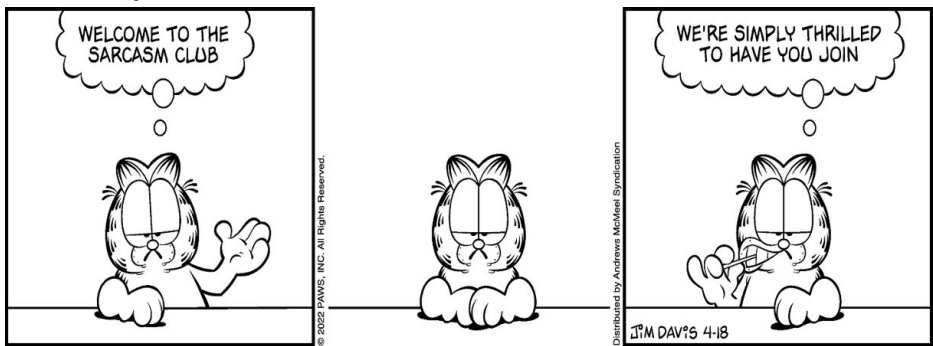
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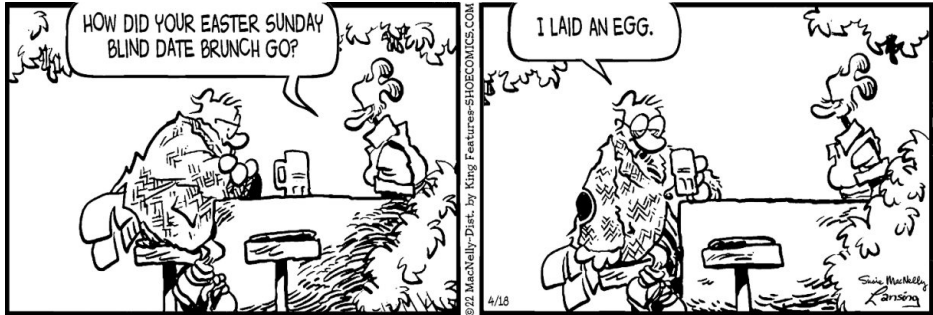
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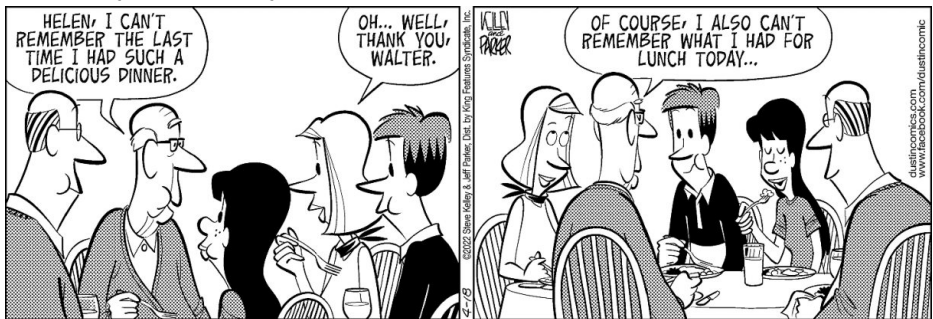
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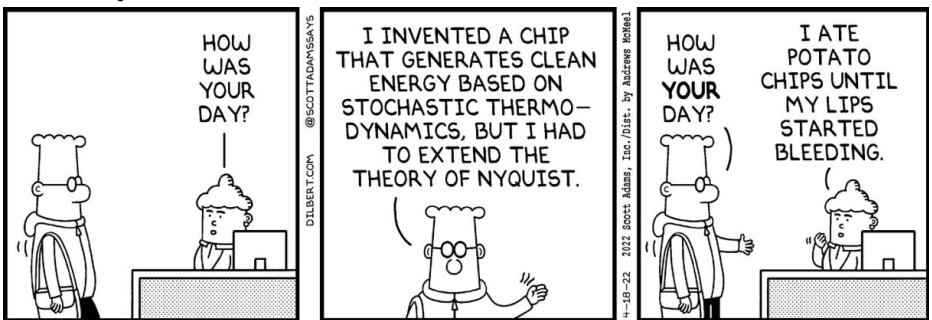
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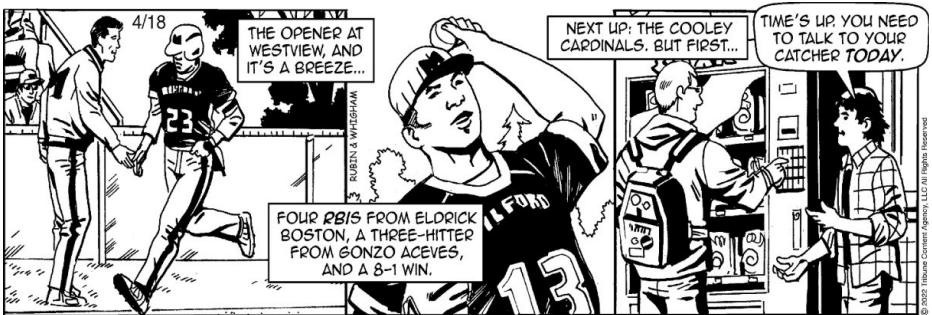
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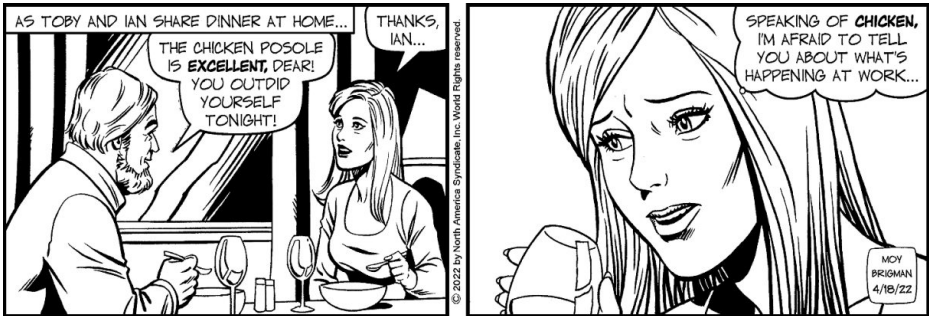
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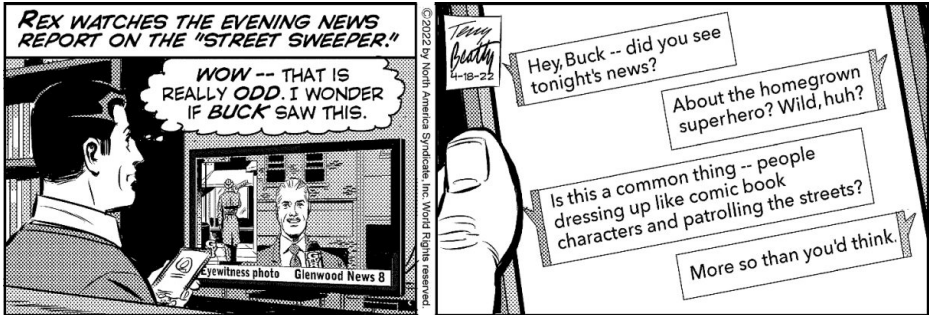
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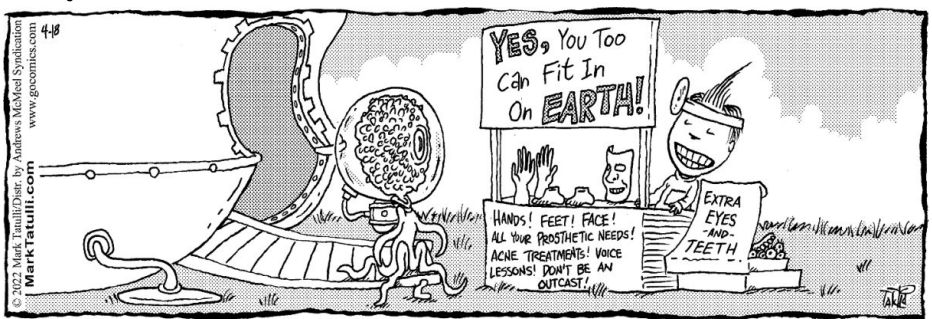
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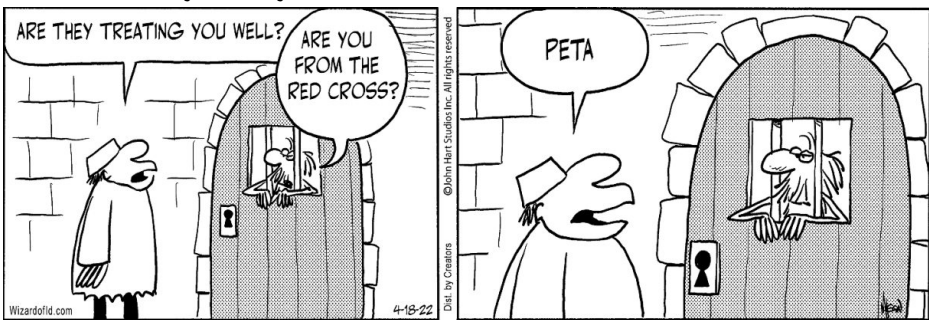
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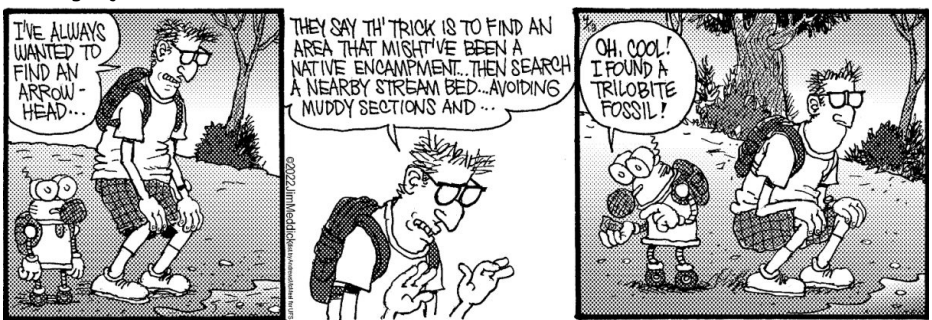
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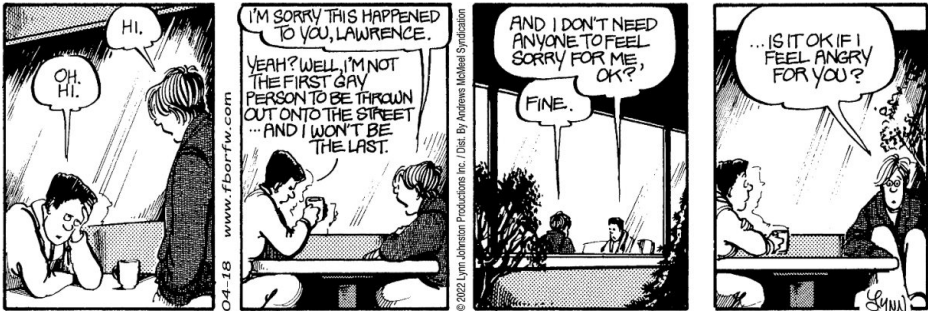
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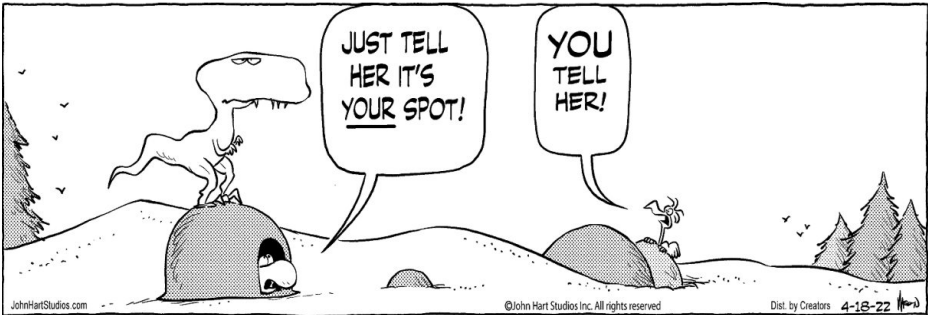
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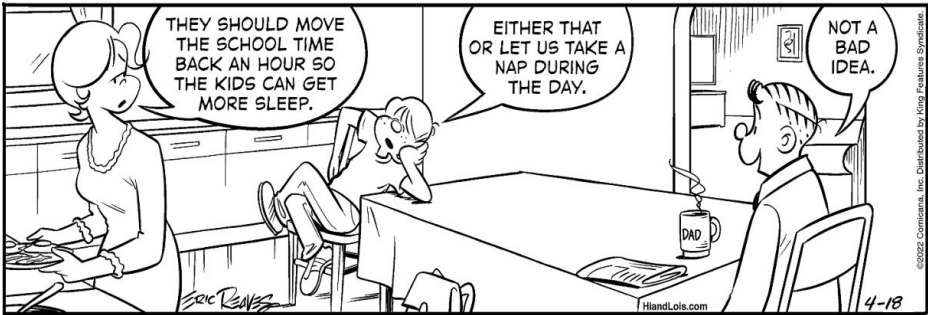
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Beetle Bailey by Mort, Greg & Brian Walker



Hi & Lois By Greg and Brian Walker and Chance Browne



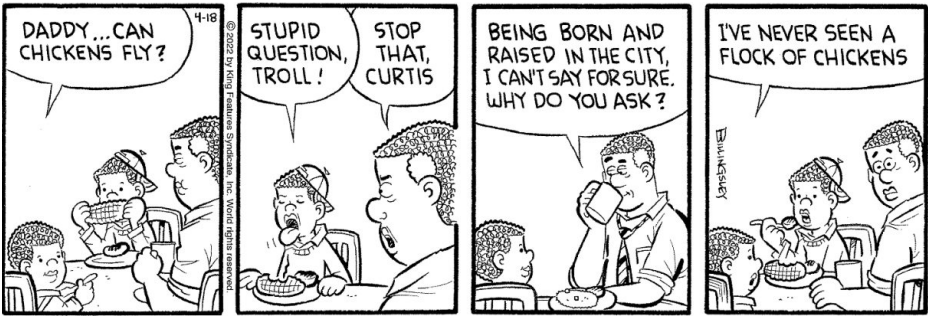
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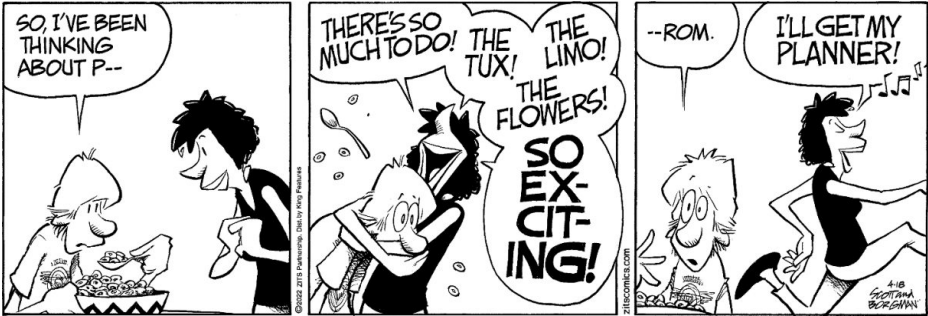
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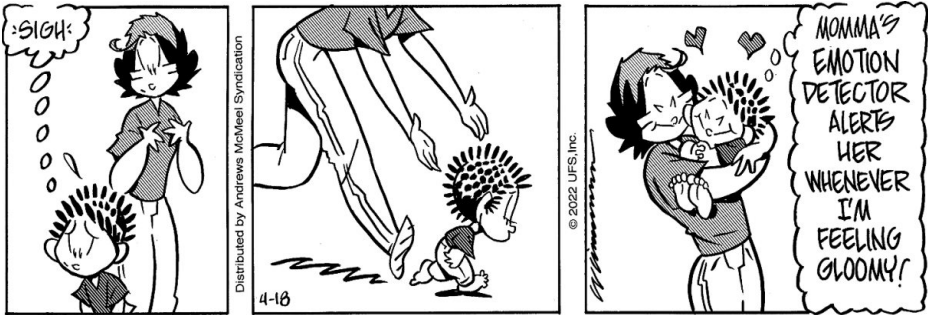
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Across

1 "Thor: Ragnarok" actress Thompson

6 Traditional dress of India

10 Apples reviewed on tech sites

14 The NCAA's Huskies

15 Actor Dorsey of "Queen Sugar"

16 Sonic rebound

17 *Mobile game with a variety of blades

19 "Better late ___ never"

20 Surf's partner

21 "Looking for," in personal ads

22 Like a smokestack

23 *Inked designs on one's chin and cheeks, e.g.

27 Convenience called a "cashpoint" in the U.K.

30 Luau instrument, briefly

31 Comic Margaret

32 Obedient puppy's reward

34 Mexican cruise port

39 *Summer cooler

42 Fit together nicely

43 Venomous snake

44 Big coffee vessel

45 Honey-bunny

47 Fr. holy title

48 *Meghan Markle's husband

53 Literature Nobel

54 PC "oops" key

55 Approx. landing hours

59 Insurance quote

60 New beginning, and what the first words of the answers to the starred clues can literally have

63 Great Sphinx locale

64 Adequately skilled

65 Spotted horse

66 Black gemstone

67 Soft drizzle

68 Off-kilter

Down

1 Small clump

2 Light beige

3 Whiskey cocktail

4 Scratch and ___

5 Tiny crumb carrier

6 "Evidently"

7 "Are too!" response

8 "The Big Bang Theory" character

9 Nest egg letters

10 Silence-breaking women's movement

11 "Bless you!" trigger

12 Makes small talk

13 Walkman developer

18 One of the Jonas Brothers

22 Drop by

24 Pitch-correcting vocal effect

25 Pt. of 9-Down

26 Som tam cuisine

27 Just barely

28 The Chicks, e.g.

29 "Jeopardy!" creator Griffin

33 Card with one pip

34 Feel rotten

35 Verse starter?

36 "My ___ are sealed!"

37 Tech review site

38 Brute of folklore

40 Cop after dealers

41 Eat in style

45 Droopy-eared hound

46 St. Louis landmark

48 Not fancy

49 Very fancy

50 Alpine climbing tool

51 Dressy footwear

52 Bigfoot relatives

53 Cornstarch brand in yellow-and-blue containers

56 Aquarium

57 Works in un museo

58 Pack away

60 Sibs, 'rents, etc.

61 Stat in softball

62 Self-care getaway

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BRIDGE

BY STEVE BECKER

North dealer.
East-West vulnerable.

NORTH

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♥ 6 5 4
♦ J 8 5
♣ K Q J 9 2

WEST

♦ A Q 10 9 3
♥ A 10 7
♦ 2
♣ 7 6 4 3

EAST

♦ K J 8 6 5 4
♥ K 8 3
♦ —
♣ A 10 8 5

SOUTH

♦ Q J 9 2
♥ A K Q 10 9 7 6 4 3
♦ —

The bidding:
North **East** **South** **West**
Pass 1 ♠ 5 ♦ 5 ♠
Pass Pass 6 ♦ Dble
Opening lead — ace of spades.

Famous Hand

This remarkable deal cropped up in the semifinal of the Soloway Knockout Teams at the 2021 Fall North American Bridge Championships in Austin, Texas.

It was the first NABC face-to-face competition to be held in nearly two years, with the previous five such competitions having been cancelled due to COVID-19. A total of 42 teams participated in the Soloway event.

The bidding shown was identical at both tables, with South persisting to six diamonds after East-West had reached five spades.

At the first table, West elected to lead the ace of spades, and South, Warren Spector, then proceeded to make maximum use of the dummy he was presented with by making the doubled slam.

He ruffed the opening spade lead with the queen, led the 10 of diamonds to the jack and returned the king of clubs. East covered with the ace, but South ruffed, played a low diamond to the eight, discarded two hearts on the Q-J of clubs and ruffed another club, establishing dummy's nine. The five of diamonds then became Spector's final entry to dummy to collect the good club and get rid of another heart to make the slam for a score of 1,090 points.

At the other table, West, John Kranyak, judged correctly to lead the ace of hearts and continued with a second heart after getting a positive signal from his partner, thereby defeating the slam and gaining 15 IMPs for his team.

Tomorrow: A question of probabilities.

JUMBLE

BY DAVID HOYT AND JEFF KNUREK

Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

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NFYNU

VASHIL

WNUEIS

THE

Answers tomorrow

Jumbles: PRIOR LAUGH YELLOW SQUIRM

Answer: The church created its own workout facility hoping people would use it — RELIGIOUSLY

TODAY'S SUDOKU

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Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box (in bold borders) contains every digit, 1 to 9. For strategies on how to solve Sudoku, visit www.sudoku.org.uk

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

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ANSWER TO PREVIOUS CROSSWORD PUZZLE

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Bill Griffith



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Level:

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BOGGLE

Boggle BrainBusters!

By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

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INSTRUCTIONS: Find as many words as you can by linking letters up, down, side-to-side and diagonally, writing words on a blank sheet of paper. You may only use each letter box once within a single word. Play with a friend and compare word finds, crossing out common words.

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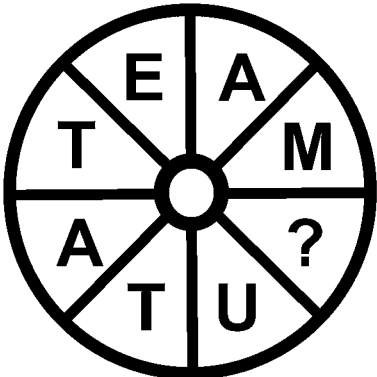
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Insert the missing letter to complete an eight-letter word reading clockwise or counterclockwise.

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WORD SEARCH

Wordsearch: my oh my

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Can you find all the words hidden in the grid? Read backwards or forwards, up or down, or diagonally. The words will always be in a straight line. Cross them off the list as you find them.

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TV CROSSWORD

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- 1 "___ Trek: Voyager"
- 5 "According to ___"
- 8 "The Prize Winner of Defiance, ___"; Woody Harrelson movie
- 9 "Return to ___"
- 12 "Blue ___ Shoes"; hit for Elvis
- 13 "___ Through the Tulips"; Tiny Tim's signature tune
- 14 "Let ___"; Beatles song and album title
- 15 Conway and Allen
- 16 ___ Wray of "King Kong"
- 18 Org. for Flames and Flyers
- 19 Actress Summer
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- 21 Lotion ingredient
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- 24 Relinquish
- 25 "Jeopardy!" creator Griffin
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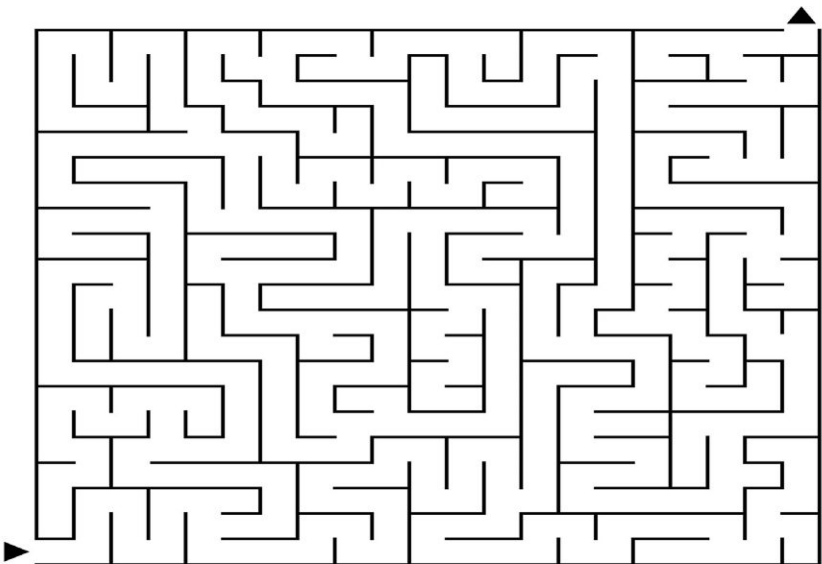
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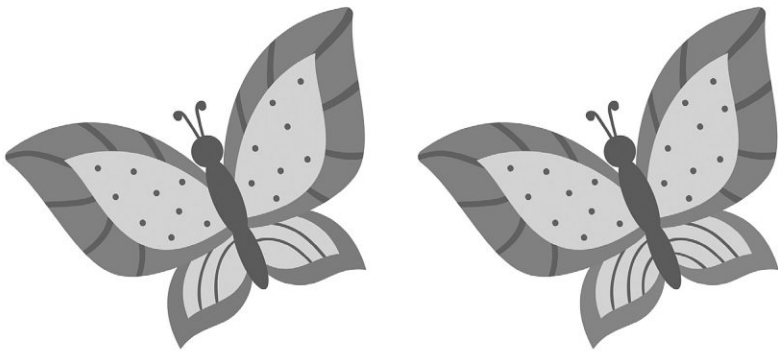
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- 3 Assistant
- 4 Evan ___ of "Madam Secretary"
- 5 Actress Pressly
- 6 Mischief-makers
- 7 Cambridge inst.
- 10 Actress on "Modern Family"
- 11 "Places in the ___"; film for Sally Field
- 12 Sermon topic
- 13 "___ a yellow ribbon round the ole oak tree..."
- 15 "One ___ Hill"
- 17 "Say ___ to the Dress"
- 19 "___ Black"
- 20 Hatcher or Garr
- 22 Carroll and Carrillo
- 23 Switzerland's capital
- 25 Veal or venison
- 26 ___-Man; early video game
- 27 ___ the Cow; mascot for the Borden Dairy Company
- 30 Role on "Three's Company"
- 31 "The New Adventures of ___ Christine"
- 33 Worrier's stomach woe
- 34 Brian ___ of "Chicago Med"
- 36 "___ of Honor"; movie for Patrick Dempsey and Michelle Monaghan
- 37 Nabisco cookie
- 39 Drag
- 40 Monogram for poet Byron

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ORIOLES 5, YANKEES 0

Bullpen wastes dominant start by Cortes in loss to Orioles

By Noah Trister
Associated Press

BALTIMORE — Pinch hitter Rougned Odor delivered the clutch hit the Orioles had been waiting for — against his former team, no less. Odor broke a scoreless tie with a two-run single in the eighth inning, and Baltimore went on to a 5-0 victory over the New York Yankees on Sunday. The Orioles were 2 for 28 with runners in scoring position in the series — and 7 for 83 on the season — before Odor, Kelvin Gutiérrez and Jorge Mateo came through in succession during a five-run rally. New York starter Nestor Cortes was terrific for five-plus innings, striking out 12 while allowing three hits and a walk. Cortes threw an

immaculate inning in the fourth, striking out the side on nine pitches. He also struck out the side in the second. Odor played for the Yankees last year and was released following the season before catching on with Baltimore. “I think every win is emotional for everybody,” Odor said. “It’s not because I played against the Yankees. I played with that team last year. It’s just because we won the game.” Ryan Mountcastle started the Baltimore eighth with a single and Trey Mancini walked. Two outs later, Robinson Chirinos drew a 10-pitch walk to set the stage for Odor.

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Yankees starter Nestor Cortes struck out 12 in five-plus innings. In the fourth, he struck out the side on nine pitches. NICK WASS/AP

RED SOX 8, TWINS 1

Wacha, Story provide spark in new home as Red Sox beat Twins

By Ken Powtak
Associated Press

BOSTON — Michael Wacha and Trevor Story can now feel right at home. Wacha pitched five shutout innings in his Fenway Park debut with Boston and Story drove in his first two runs in his new ballpark, leading the Red Sox to an 8-1 victory over the Minnesota Twins on Sunday. “It’s everything and more,” Story said of having Fenway as his home park. “Just coming here as a visitor two different times, it’s a hostile environment. You can feel that. Much better feeling coming as a Red Sox. It’s been great. The

energy, the atmosphere is everything I thought it was.” It was the second straight day the Red Sox beat the Twins after losing their home opener. J.D. Martinez had an RBI double and sacrifice fly for Boston. The teams close out the four-game series in Boston’s annual Patriots’ Day game on Monday morning with a scheduled first pitch of 11:10 a.m. It’ll be the first time since 2019 that the game will be played in conjunction with the running of the Boston Marathon after the game was canceled due to the

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BOSTON MARATHON

Olympian Seidel talks running, doughnuts

By Lori Riley
Hartford Courant

BOSTON — Molly Seidel is talking about doughnuts. Seidel, who last year became the first American woman to win an Olympic medal in the marathon since 2004 and only the third ever, is preparing for her debut Boston Marathon. Her training went well, and if all goes well, she could be on the podium Monday. But first, doughnuts, which are a bit of a passion for her. “My favorite is a solid old fashioned, like an old fashioned sour cream,” she said Friday at marathon media day. “That is the standard. If you can do the basics real well ... I’ll go for fun fillings sometimes, but just plain is what I like.” Favorite doughnut place? “I do really love Blackbird Doughnuts [in the Boston area]. KNEAD Doughnuts in Providence, I would drive down there to see [fellow Olympian] Molly Huddle and get their doughnuts. Donut King in Quincy.” She has been known to hit Dunkin’ after a big workout and get a box. There will be a box waiting at the finish line Monday. “My family is going to be here,” she said. “After every marathon when I finish, they go to Dunks and get a big box. French crullers. “I will be housing a number of doughnuts, if I am in any fit state. If someone’s got a box of doughnuts at the finish line, I will get there approximately five seconds faster.” Seidel, 27, is back in familiar doughnut and running territory this week, having lived in Boston for five years before moving to Flagstaff, Arizona, last April. Her trajectory has been swift in the marathon. She qualified for the Olympics in her debut marathon at the Atlanta Olympic Trials in 2020, finishing second, then finished sixth in London in her second

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Molly Seidel celebrates as she crosses the finish line to win the bronze medal in the women’s marathon at the Summer Olympics on Aug. 7, 2021, in Sapporo, Japan. SHUJI KAJIYAMA/AP

NBA PLAYOFFS CELTICS 115, NETS 114



Celtics forward Jayson Tatum celebrates after making the winning layup at the buzzer Sunday to lift Boston to a 115-114 victory over the Brooklyn Nets in Game 1 of their first-round series. STEVEN SENNE/AP PHOTOS

Tatum’s layup at buzzer lifts Celtics past Nets in Game 1

By Kyle Hightower
Associated Press

BOSTON — Jayson Tatum made a layup at the buzzer on a pass from Marcus Smart to give the Boston Celtics a dramatic 115-114 victory over the Brooklyn Nets in the Game 1 of their first-round playoff series on Sunday. Tatum scored 16 of his 31 points in the second half, the final two after a poised Boston possession in the frantic final seconds. Jaylen Brown dribbled toward the middle and swung the ball out to Smart, who fired it in to a cutting Tatum, who spun around and dropped in his layup just before time expired. Brown added 23 points. Al Horford had 20 points and 15 rebounds, and Smart finished with 20 points, including four 3-pointers. Nets guard Kyrie Irving finished with 39 points, including 18 in the fourth quarter. But the Celtics forced the ball out of his hands the last time Brooklyn had it, and Kevin Durant missed a jumper with a one-point lead that set up the Celtics’ final possession. Durant scored 23 points but shot just 9 of 24. Boston charged out of halftime with a 23-8 run to open an 82-69 lead sparked by Smart’s dead-eye shooting from beyond the arc. The Celtics also seemed to tweak their approach to guarding Durant in the half court, fronting



The Celtics’ Al Horford blocks Nets forward Nic Claxton’s path to the basket in Game 1 Sunday. Horford had 20 points and 15 rebounds in Boston’s win.

him and sending help over the top to limit his driving ability. Durant and Irving still found ways to score at times, but they had to exert increased energy to get off their attempts. It didn’t last. With Boston leading early in the fourth, Irving got Brooklyn back in the mix with two straight 3-pointers and a layup to trim Boston’s advantage to 98-97 with just over nine minutes left. Then, following an empty trip by Boston that saw Brown and Horford fail to convert

from in close, Durant calmly drained a 3 on the other end to put the Nets in front. Brooklyn increased its lead to 107-102 before Durant was long with a jumper. Brown found space on the Celtics’ next possession and connected on a 3 from the wing. The Nets turned it over on an offensive foul on Durant. Smart slid underneath Irving on Boston’s ensuing trip and tied it with a layup. The score was tied again at 109 with less than two minutes left

when Durant got a friendly bounce on a jumper to put Brooklyn back up. Horford’s follow shot tied it again. But Irving was good from deep on the next time down the floor give the Nets a 114-111 cushion. Brown tied it coming out of a timeout with 38 seconds left. In his latest trip to face his former Boston teammates, Irving received the loudest jeers during pregame introductions and was booed whenever he touched the ball the rest of the way. Fans also showered plenty of disdain for Bruce Brown, who made headlines last week after suggesting Celtics big men Horford and Daniel Theis might be easy to attack inside without injured center Robert Williams III available to defend the rim. Horford played the opening 12 minutes as if on a one-man mission to obliterate that notion. Boston entered with the league’s best defensive rating since the All-Star break and applied early pressure on Durant. He tried to establish himself in the post in the first quarter, but the Celtics blitzed him with backside help defenders, stripping him three times. Brooklyn finished with seven turnovers for the quarter, but it translated into only a 29-28 lead for Boston. Horford was active throughout, going 3 for 4 from the field with 10 points, two rebounds and a steal.

SPORTS

UP NEXT

Celtics: NBA First Round vs. Nets (Game 2), Wednesday, 7 p.m.; NBA First Round at Nets (Game 3), Saturday, 7:30 p.m.; NBA First Round at Nets (Game 4), April 25, time TBD

Nets: NBA First Round at Celtics (Game 2), Wednesday, 7 p.m.; NBA First Round vs. Celtics (Game 3), Saturday, 7:30 p.m.; NBA First Round vs. Celtics (Game 4), April 25, time TBD

Bruins: at Blues, Tuesday, 8 p.m.; at Penguins, Thursday, 7 p.m.; Rangers, Saturday, 3 p.m.

Rangers: Jets, Tuesday, 7 p.m.; at Islanders, Thursday, 7 p.m.; at Bruins, Saturday, 3 p.m.

Wolf Pack: Charlotte, Friday, 7 p.m.; at Bridgeport, Saturday, 7 p.m.; W-B/Scranton, Sunday, 3 p.m.

Red Sox: Twins, Monday, 11 a.m.; Blue Jays, Tuesday, 7 p.m.; Blue Jays, Wednesday, 7 p.m.

Yankees: at Tigers, Tuesday, 6:30 p.m.; at Tigers, Wednesday, 6:30 p.m.; at Tigers, Thursday, 1 p.m.

Mets: Giants, Monday, 7 p.m.; Giants, Tuesday, 7 p.m.; Giants, Wednesday, 7 p.m.

Yard Goats: Somerset, Tuesday, 7 p.m.; Somerset, Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Somerset, Thursday, 7 p.m.

TV/RADIO

BASEBALL
11 a.m.: Twins at Red Sox. (Live) MLB NESN. Radio: 1080
7 p.m.: Giants at Mets. (Live) SNY. Radio: 880
7 p.m.: Arizona at Creighton. (Live) FS1
10 p.m.: Regional Coverage. (Live) MLB
BASKETBALL
7:30 p.m.: Raptors at 76ers. (Live) TNT
8:30 p.m.: Jazz at Mavericks. (Live) NBA
10 p.m.: Nuggets at Warriors. (Live) TNT
GOLF
3 p.m.: PGA Professional Championship, Second Round. (Live) GOLF
HOCKEY
9 p.m.: Capitals at Avalanche. (Live) NHL
SOCCER
9 a.m.: Italian Serie B Reggina Calcio vs Lecce. (Live) FSP
2:30 p.m.: Italian Serie B AC Monza 1912 vs Brescia. (Live) FSP
SOFTBALL
7 p.m.: Texas A&M at Tennessee. (Live) SEC
TRACK AND FIELD
8:30 a.m.: Boston Marathon. (Live) USA

Yankees

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“Robinson Chirinos won us the game with that at-bat,” manager Brandon Hyde said. “He’s facing (Jonathan) Loáisiga, who’s really good, and great stuff, and puts together just a pro at-bat to get a walk there.”

With the bases loaded, Odor went to the plate as a pinch hitter and singled sharply up the middle against Loáisiga (0-1). Gutiérrez followed with a two-run double, and Mateo added an RBI single.

Jorge López (1-1) won in relief for Baltimore, which took two of three against the Yankees, with both victories coming in its final at-bat.

Baltimore’s Bruce Zimmermann went five scoreless innings, allowing four hits and two walks with six strikeouts.

“Tough day for us. Frustrating,” Yankees manager Aaron Boone said. “I thought they pitched us really tough today, but we’ve got to find a way to get on the board and support our pitching, and just couldn’t get much going.”

New York had runners on first and third with one out in the fourth, but Isiah Kiner-Falefa bounced into a double play.

Yankees left fielder Tim Lincecum, recalled from Triple-A Scranton/Wilkes-Barre before the game, made a sensational diving catch in the sixth on a ball hit to left-center by Mancini.

Earlier in the game, the Yankees put four players in the outfield against Mancini, but it didn’t matter much because that sixth-inning fly was the only ball he put in play. Mancini drew two walks and struck out once.

Before the game, Baltimore transferred LHP John Means (sprained elbow) to the 60-day injured list.

The Yankees are off Monday before a three-game set at Detroit. Gerrit Cole takes the mound for New York on Tuesday night against Eduardo Rodríguez (0-1).

REGIONAL DIGEST

Former UConn guard Martin named to Portsmouth Invitational All-Tournament Team

Staff reports

Former UConn men’s basketball guard Tyrese Martin was selected to the Portsmouth Invitational All-Tournament Team on Sunday.

The 67-year-old tournament in Portsmouth, Virginia, is an opportunity for players to showcase their talents to NBA and international scouts.

Martin helped lead his team to the championship game, where he scored a team-high 24 points and had 10 rebounds in a 106-94 loss. In three games, Martin averaged 19.7 points, 9.3 rebounds and 2.3 assists. He played in three games over four days and shot 55.8% overall, 35.3%

from the 3-point line and 71.4% from the free-throw line.

The 6-foot-6 guard played two seasons at UConn after transferring from Rhode Island and averaged 13.6 points, 7.5 rebounds and 1.9 assists while shooting a career-best 43% on 3-pointers for the Huskies last season.

Former UConn teammates R.J. Cole and Isaiah Whaley also participated in the invitational. Cole averaged 8.7 points, 2.3 rebounds and 5.0 assists over three games. Whaley averaged 3.7 points and 6.3 rebounds over three games.

Yard Goats split double-header: The Hartford Yard Goats hit three home runs and cruised

behind starter Noah Davis for a 4-1 victory against the New Hampshire Fisher Cats in the first game of a doubleheader in Manchester, N.H. Davis struck out seven and allowed one run and four singles in 4 ⅓ innings. Steven Jones retired all four batters he faced for his first Double-A win. Willie MacIver, Jimmy Herron and Kyle Dattres all went deep as the Yard Goats avoided a third straight loss. Fisher Cats starter Max Castillo fired five scoreless innings and combined with three relievers on a 3-0 win in the second game. The Yard Goats dropped four of six games on their first road trip, and return home to host Yankees affiliate Somerset on

Tuesday.

In game one, the Yard Goats scored a pair of runs in the first inning off Fisher Cats starter Paxton Schultz. Jameson Hannah led off with a single, stole second and took third on a flyout. With two outs, MacIver sent a pitch over the left field fence, giving Hartford a 2-0 lead on his third homer of the season. Herron ripped a line drive over the right field fence to make it 3-0 in the second. It was his third homer in nine at-bats in 2022. Dattres capped the homer parade with a solo shot in the fourth. The Fisher Cats scored their only run on Ryan Gold’s two-out single in the fifth inning.

METS 5, DIAMONDBACKS 0

Alonso homers, sparks Mets to victory

By Larry Fleisher
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Pete Alonso hustled around the bases to spark the pivotal rally and later hit a two-run homer that helped the New York Mets beat the Arizona Diamondbacks 5-0 on Sunday.

Pinch hitter J.D. Davis delivered an RBI single in a three-run sixth inning and five Mets pitchers combined on a five-hitter for New York’s third shutout in 10 games this season.

“We’ve been playing really good team baseball,” Alonso said. “Today is a great example of that. We had excellent pitching. We had high-quality team at-bats, especially later in the game, and we got it done.”

Filling in for injured Taijuan Walker, left-hander David Peterson tossed 4 ⅓ effective innings that left Mets starters with a 1.07 ERA overall — lowest for any team after 10 games since earned runs became an official statistic in both leagues back in 1913.

Trevor Williams got two outs and Chasen Shreve (1-0) pitched two perfect innings to earn New York’s first win by a reliever this year. Drew Smith and Edwin Díaz worked an inning apiece to finish it.

Williams gave up the only two hits charged to the Mets’ bullpen, which entered with a 4.64 ERA.

New York took two of three from the shaky Diamondbacks and improved to 7-3, the club’s best 10-game start since opening 9-1 in 2018. The Mets have won 12 of 13 home games against Arizona dating to August 2017.

New York broke a scoreless tie in the sixth with aggressive baserunning. With one out, Alonso went from first to third as Eduardo Escobar legged out a double to right off Noé Ramírez (0-1). Pavin Smith rushed a throw from the outfield



Mets DH Pete Alonso scores on a double by Eduardo Escobar in the sixth inning Sunday against the Diamondbacks in New York. JESSIE ALCHEH/AP

that sailed high for an error, allowing the burly Alonso to score.

Davis singled home the second run against former Mets pitcher Óliver Pérez, who was making his 700th career appearance, and Dominic Smith dashed home on a shallow sacrifice fly by James McCann.

Alonso connected off Matt Peacock in the seventh. All three of the slugger’s home runs and 11 of his 14 RBIs this season have come as a designated hitter.

“How about that 3-iron he hit?” manager Buck Showalter said. “He hit it through the wind.”

Arizona starter Humberto Castellanos allowed one hit over four innings, the first scoreless start of his career.

The punchless Diamondbacks were shut out for the second time. Arizona scored six runs in the series.

At first pitch, winds were announced at 24 mph, and they seemed to increase as the day went on. That led to trouble for Mets

right fielder Starling Marte, who lost a pair of fly balls in the wind.

In the fourth, Carson Kelly’s fly ball sailed over Marte’s glove, resulting in a double. In the sixth, Christian Walker’s fly was pushed by the wind toward the foul line and the ball fell in front of Marte for a double.

“You can’t catch what you can’t see,” Showalter said. “The one down the line he said he was just guessing where it was going to drop.”

Marathon

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marathon (2:25:13). She became the first American woman since Deena Kastor to win an Olympic medal in the marathon (bronze) last August in Japan then had a quick turnaround to New York City, where she ran the fastest American women’s time on the course (2:24:42) and finished fourth.

“She has what it takes, obviously, and she’s clearly adapted to the marathon very well,” said Desi Linden, the 2018 Boston Marathon women’s winner who is running Monday. “I think she

has all the tools. It’s whether she gets it right this first time around. Debuts in Boston are always super tricky.

“But she’s done well in New York, she did well in tactical hilly Atlanta, and I think this fits right in with those races so I would expect her to perform very well, but the field’s incredibly good, too. I think she’ll have a good showing.”

Seidel is up against a top field, among them Olympic gold medalist and New York City champion Peres Jepchirchir of Kenya; Ethiopian Degitu Azimeraw, who was the runner-up last year in London in 2:17:58; London champion Joyciline Jepkosgei of Kenya,

42-year-old Edna Kiplagat of Kenya, who finished second in Boston last year, and Linden, who won in brutally cold and rainy conditions in 2018.

Last year’s success gave Seidel confidence, something she has struggled with in the past, despite her accomplishments in college (she won four NCAA titles at Notre Dame in cross country, the 3,000 and 5,000 in indoor track and the 10,000 outdoors).

“Just knowing I deserve to be here is a big thing,” said Seidel, who grew up in Wisconsin. “Then getting two more very good marathons under my belt, it’s a lot of experience that I’ll be able to take forward.”

Seidel ran a lot on the course during her time in Boston.

“That was my main training run out and back on the marathon course, top of Heartbreak Hill and back,” she said. “I know it very well.

“There’s a real difference between racing on this course and running on it. I don’t have that kind of experience. But I think it helps to know what’s coming at me, and I very much appreciate the challenges of this course. First-timers probably underestimate it, but I know full well how much Heartbreak Hill can kick your butt.”

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Red Sox

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COVID-19 pandemic in 2020 and the marathon was moved to October last year.

Signed to a six-year, \$140 million deal as a free agent during spring training after playing six seasons in Colorado, Story hit his a two-run single during a six-run eighth inning. Wachu, signed to a one-year, \$7 million deal during the offseason, allowed just a single while striking out five and walking two.

“To come out here and get a team W is great,” said Wachu, who faced the Red Sox at Fenway twice with the Cardinals when they lost the World Series to them in 2013.

“Most definitely different,” he said, smiling. “Wasn’t getting harassed down in the bullpen, in the dugout and, basically, on the mound the entire time. It was good hearing the cheers on my side.”

Matt Straham (1-0) got his

first win in a Red Sox uniform by getting four outs.

Bailey Ober (1-1) gave up two unearned runs and four hits in six innings, walking one and striking out three.

“The vibe here is still great,” said Twins shortstop Carlos Correa, who signed a three-year, \$105.3 million deal with opt outs after the first two years during spring training. “We’ve been in every game. We’ve had a chance to win every game, so that’s great. That’s the positive side of it. Now we’ve just got to put all the pieces together.”

Wearing their yellow-and-powder-blue city connect uniforms for the second straight day, the Red Sox broke in front 2-0 on sacrifice flies on consecutive pitches by Martinez and Alex Verdugo after Rafael Devers reached when Miguel Sanó booted his grounder for an error and Xander Bogaerts doubled off the Green Monster.

The Twins avoided being shut out for the third time this season when Trevor Larnach had a sacri-



Trevor Story slides home to score for the Red Sox in a six-run eighth inning Sunday against the Twins at Fenway Park. KATHRYN RILEY/GETTY

fice fly in the seventh.

Mixing his fastball in the mid-90 mph range with his changeup and cutter, Wachu breezed through the first four hitless innings before Gio Urshela opened the fifth with his hit up-the-middle.

The Twins placed RHP Sonny

Gray on the 10-day injured list a day after he left his start in the second inning with a strained hamstring. Manager Rocco Baldelli said he expects him to miss one start. The team activated RHP Cody Stashak (right biceps tendinitis) off the IL to take his spot.

BASEBALL

AMERICAN LEAGUE

EAST	W	L	PCT	GB	WCGB	L10	STR	HOME	AWAY
Toronto	6	4	.600	—	—	6-4	W-1	4-2	2-2
Boston	5	4	.556	$\frac{1}{2}$	—	5-4	W-2	2-1	3-3
New York	5	5	.500	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	5-5	L-1	4-3	1-2
Tampa Bay	5	5	.500	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	5-5	W-1	4-3	1-2
Baltimore	3	6	.333	2 $\frac{1}{2}$	2	3-6	W-1	3-3	0-3

CENTRAL	W	L	PCT	GB	WCGB	L10	STR	HOME	AWAY
Chicago	6	3	.667	—	—	6-3	L-1	4-2	2-1
Cleveland	4	5	.444	2	1	4-5	L-3	0-3	4-2
Detroit	4	5	.444	2	1	4-5	L-1	2-4	2-1
Kansas City	3	5	.375	2 $\frac{1}{2}$	1 $\frac{1}{2}$	3-5	W-1	3-4	0-1
Minnesota	3	6	.333	3	2	3-6	L-2	2-4	1-2

WEST	W	L	PCT	GB	WCGB	L10	STR	HOME	AWAY
Los Angeles	6	4	.600	—	—	6-4	W-3	3-3	3-1
Houston	5	4	.556	$\frac{1}{2}$	—	5-4	L-1	0-0	5-4
Oakland	5	5	.500	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	5-5	L-1	0-0	5-5
Seattle	5	5	.500	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	5-5	W-1	2-1	3-4
Texas	2	7	.222	3 $\frac{1}{2}$	3	2-7	L-3	1-5	1-2

BOX SCORES

BALTIMORE 5, N.Y. YANKEES 0

NY Yankees	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Hicks cf	4	0	1	0	0	.333
Judge rf	3	0	0	0	2	.257
Donaldson 3b	4	0	0	0	2	.200
Stanton dh	4	0	0	0	2	.263
LeMahieu 1b-2b3	0	2	0	0	0	.321
Torres 2b-ss	3	0	0	0	1	.161
Higashioka c	4	0	1	0	1	.120
Kiner-Falefa ss	1	0	0	0	0	.214
b-Rizzo ph-1b	1	0	0	0	1	.212
Locastro lf	2	0	0	0	1	.000
c-Gallo ph-1f	1	0	0	0	0	.138
TOTALS	30	0	4	0	10	
Baltimore	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Lopez p-p	0	0	0	0	0	---
Hays lf	5	0	1	0	3	.212
Mountcastle 1b4	1	2	0	1	0	.278
Mancini rf	2	1	0	0	1	.235
Santander dh-rf3	0	0	0	0	2	.269
McKenna cf	2	0	0	0	1	.000
a-Mullins ph-cf2	0	0	0	0	1	.167
Chirinos c	3	1	0	0	2	.167
Owings 2b	3	0	0	0	3	.000
d-Ordoz ph-2b	1	1	1	2	0	.200
Gutierrez 3b	4	1	2	2	1	.200
Mateo ss	4	0	3	3	1	.267
TOTALS	33	5	9	5	16	

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a-struck out for McKenna in the 6th.
b-struck out for Kiner-Falefa in the 7th.
c-lined out for Locastro in the 7th.
d-singled for Owings in the 8th.
E: Mateo (2). **LOB:** New York 7; Baltimore 8. **2B:** Gutierrez (1). **RBIs:** Odor 2 (2), Gutierrez 2 (2), Mateo (3).
SB: Mateo (3). **ST:** Torres.
Runners left in scoring position: New York 1 (Locastro); Baltimore 4 (Hays 2, McKenna, Mullins). **RISP:** New York 1for 3; Baltimore 3for 9.
GIDP: Kiner-Falefa. **DP:** Baltimore 1 (Gutierrez, Owings, Mountcastle).

NY YANKEES	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Cortes Jr	5	3	0	0	1	12	0.00
Green	$\frac{1}{2}$	2	0	0	1	2	0.00
Loaisiga, L, 0-1	1	2	4	2	1	8.44	
Luegte	$\frac{1}{2}$	2	1	1	0	1	2.08
BALTIMORE	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Zimmermann	5	4	0	0	2	6	0.00
Bautista	1	0	0	0	1	1	2.25
Tate	1	0	0	0	0	1	.442
Lopez, W, 1-1	2	0	0	0	0	1	3.38
Pitches-Strikes: Cortes Jr, 88-62; Green 24-16; Loaisiga 29-19; Luegte 13-9, Zimmermann 75-52; Bautista 20-13; Tate 11-7; López 21-16.							
Inherited runners-scored: Green 1-0, Loaisiga 2-0, Luegte 2-2.							
Umpires: Home, Cory Blaser; First, Mark Ripberger; Second, Tom Hallion; Third, Phil Cuzzi.							
T: 3:16. A: 25,938(45,971).							

MIAMI 11, PHILADELPHIA 3

Philadelphia	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Realmuto c	4	1	1	0	1	.294
Stubbs c	0	0	0	0	0	.400
Harper dh	5	1	3	2	0	.216
Castellanos rf	3	0	1	0	0	.324
Vierling rf	0	0	0	0	0	.143
Hoskins 1b	4	0	0	0	3	.258
Schwarber lf	4	1	2	1	1	.139
Segura 2b	4	0	0	0	0	.286
Gregorius ss	3	0	1	0	0	.265
Bohm 3b	1	0	0	0	0	.636
Camargo 3b-ss3	3	0	0	0	0	.269
Muzziotti cf	3	0	0	0	1	.143
TOTALS	34	3	8	3	7	
Miami	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Soler dh	5	1	1	0	0	.167
J.Sanchez cf	6	1	3	2	1	.343
Aguiar 1b	5	1	1	0	2	.179
Wendle 3b	3	1	1	2	0	.333
Anderson lf	2	3	1	0	1	.286
Chisholm Jr, 2b4	1	2	3	1	1	.318
De La Cruz rf	4	1	2	1	3	.333
Rojas ss	4	1	2	2	2	.194
Henry c	4	1	1	0	1	.000
TOTALS	37	11	13	11	8	

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E: Muzziotti (1).
LOB: Philadelphia 8, Miami 13.
2B: Harper (4), Chisholm Jr. (2).
3B: Chisholm Jr. (2), Rojas (1).
HR: Harper (2), off Hernandez; Schwarber (2), off Bass.
RBIs: Harper 2 (9), Schwarber 4 (4), Chisholm Jr. 3 (10), De La Cruz (1), Rojas 2 (2), J.Sanchez 2 (8), Wendle 2 (4), Henry (1). **SF:** Chisholm Jr. (1).
Runners left in scoring position: Philadelphia 3 (Castellanos, Hoskins, Muzziotti); Miami 6 (Soler 2, Henry, Rojas 2, De La Cruz).
RISP: Philadelphia 1for 5; Miami 6 for 16.
Runners moved up: Castellanos, Chisholm Jr., Henry, Soler.
GIDP: Harper.
DP: Miami 1 (Aguiar, Rojas, Aguiar).

PHILADELPHIA	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Wheeler, L 0-2	3	8	7	3	3	9.3	9.39
C.Sanchez	3 2/3	4	3	3	2	3	6.00
Hand	2 1/2	0	0	0	1	0	0.00
Alvarado	1	1	1	0	0	2	6.00
MIAMI	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Hernandez, W, 1-1	6	5	1	1	1	5	4.22
Sulser	1	2	1	1	0	1	1.93
Bass	1	1	1	0	1	1	4.15
Head	1	0	0	0	1	0	0.00
Pitches-Strikes: Wheeler 66-41; Sánchez 65-42; Hand 17-9; Alvarado 19-11; Hernandez 91-65; Sulser 19-13; Bass 20-13; Head 18-10.							
Inherited runners-scored: C.Sanchez 3-2, Hand 1-1.							
1BB: off C.Sanchez (Rojas).							
HBP: Hernandez (Castellanos), Wheeler (Soler), C.Sanchez (Wendle), Hand (Anderson), Alvarado (Henry), Head (Muzziotti).							
Umpires: Home, Mark Wegner; First, Alan Porter; Second, Quinn Wolcott; Third, Jeremie Rehak.							
T: 3:32. A: 11,476(36,742).							

ON THIS DATE

APRIL 18
1899: John McGraw made his managerial debut at age 26 with the Orioles. He led them to a 5-3 victory over the New York Giants, a team he later managed for more than 30 years.
1916: Philadelphia's Grover Alexander pitched his first 16 shutouts of the season with a win over the Braves.
1923: In the first game played in Yankee Stadium, a record crowd of 72,400 watched Babe Ruth lead the Yankees past the Red Sox with a home run.
1945: In his major league debut, one-armed outfielder Pete Gray had one hit in four at-bats in the St. Louis Browns' 7-1 victory over the Detroit Tigers.

BOSTON 8, MINNESOTA 1

Minnesota	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Arraez 2b	4	0	0	0	0	.296
Correa ss	4	0	0	0	2	.133
Polanco dh	3	0	0	0	2	.200
Kepler rf-cf	4	1	1	0	1	.167
Ursheba 3b	4	0	2	0	1	.227
Larnach lf	3	0	0	1	1	.250
Sanchez c	3	0	1	0	1	.240
Sano 1b	1	0	0	0	0	.077
Gordon cf	1	0	0	0	0	.182
a-Garlick ph-rf	2	0	0	0	2	.000
TOTALS	29	1	4	1	10	
Boston	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Hernandez cf	5	1	1	0	1	.184
Devers 3b	4	2	2	0	0	.368
Bogaerts ss	4	2	3	1	0	.290
Arauz ss	3	0	0	0	0	.000
Martinez dh	3	0	1	2	1	.250
Verdugo lf	3	0	1	1	0	.300
Story 2b	4	1	1	2	0	.250
Dalbec 1b	4	1	1	0	1	.167
Bradley Jr. rf	2	0	1	1	0	.217
Plawecki c	3	0	0	1	2	.100
TOTALS	32	8	11	8	5	

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a-struck out for Gordon in the 6th.
E: Sano (1). **LOB:** Minnesota 5, Boston 5. **2B:** Bogaerts (2), Martinez (4).
RBIs: Larnach (2), Martinez 2 (6), Verdugo (8), Bogaerts (4), Story 2 (3), Bradley Jr. (4), Plawecki (1).
CS: Bradley Jr. (1). **SF:** Larnach, Martinez, Verdugo, Plawecki.
Runners left in scoring position: Minnesota 2 (Garlick 2); Boston 1 (Verdugo).
RISP: Minnesota 0for 1; Boston 4for 7.
GIDP: Kepler. **DP:** Minnesota 1 (Sanchez, Arraez, Sanchez); Boston 1 (Bogaerts, Devers, Dalbec).

MINNESOTA	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Ober, L, 1-1	6	4	2	0	1	3	3.27
Duffey	1	0	0	0	1	1	6.00
Thielbar	1/2	4	4	4	0	0	23.63
Stashak	1/2	3	2	2	0	1	27.00
BOSTON	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Wacha	5	1	0	0	2	5	0.96
Strahm, W, 1-0	1/2	1	1	0	0	1	1.93
Brasler, H, 1	2/5	2	0	0	1	1	2.70
Diekmann, H, 3	1	0	0	0	0	2	0.00
Davis	1	0	0	0	0	1	6.75
Pitches-Strikes: Ober 70-46; Duffey 18-11; Thielbar 17-12; Stashak 17-11; Wacha 79-52; Strahm 19-13; Brasler 20-11; Diekmann 21-13; Davis 9-6.							
Inherited runners-scored: Stashak 2-2, Brasler 1-1.							
Umpires: Home, Chad Whitson; First, Adam Hamari; Second, Jerry Layne; Third, Hunter Wendelstedt.							
T: 2:51. A: 28,858(37,755).							

TAMPA BAY 9, CHI. WHITE SOX 3

Tampa Bay	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
B.Lowe 2b	5	0	0	0	1	.211
Franco ss	5	2	2	1	0	.381
Arozarena dh	5	1	3	1	0	.237
Choi 1b	3	1	0	0	2	.455
Diaz 3b	4	1	1	1	0	.207
J.Lowe lf	5	1	1	0	1	.138
Margot rf	4	1	3	1	0	.367
Kiermaier cf	3	1	1	2	2	.143
Mejia c	5	1	1	2	2	.300
TOTALS	39	9	12	8	8	
White Sox	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Anderson ss	3	0	0	0	0	.393
Robert cf	4	0	0	0	0	.194
Abreu 1b	3	1	1	0	2	.212
Grandal c	3	0	0	0	2	.160
Jimenez lf	3	0	0	0	1	.222
Sheets dh	3	1	1	2	1	.188
Harrison 2b	4	0	0	0	2	.120
Burger 3b	4	0	0	0	1	.300
Engel rf	2	1	1	0	0	.267
TOTALS	29	3	3	2	9	

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E: Velasquez 2 (2), Severino (1). **LOB:** Tampa Bay 9, Chicago 5. **2B:** Arozarena 2 (4), Margot (1), Franco (5).
HR: Sheets (1), off Romero.
RBIs: Diaz (2), Margot (5), Kiermaier 2 (2), Mejia 2 (7), Franco (5), Arozarena (2), Sheets 2 (2).
SB: Engel 2 (2), Anderson (2).
Runners left in scoring position: Tampa Bay 5 (Choi, Diaz, B.Lowe 3); Chicago 3 (Anderson, Burger 2).
RISP: Tampa Bay 5for 16; Chicago 0for 5.
Runners moved up: Mejia.
LIDP: Mejia. **DP:** Chicago 1 (Abreu).

TAMPA BAY	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Feyereisen	2	0	0	0	0	3	0.00
Mazza, W, 1-0	2½	2	2	1	5	1	11.81
Beeks, H, 1	½	0	0	0	0	2	0.00
Thompson, H, 1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0.00
Romero	2	1	1	1	0	3	9.82
WHITE SOX	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Velasquez, L, 0-1½	5	4	4	3	5	4	4.15
Banks	½	1	0	0	0	2	0.00
Foster	½	0	1	1	2	0	2.45
Severino	½	3	3	3	0	1	13.50
Crick	1	3	1	1	0	0	5.40

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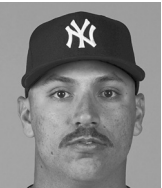
SHORTS

Kim ‘very proud’ after 5th LPGA win



Hyo Joo Kim staved off a late charge from Hinako Shibuno to win the LPGA Tour’s LOTTE Championship on Saturday in Ewa Beach, Hawaii. Kim closed with a 1-under 71 — following a bogey on the par-4 17th with a tap-in birdie on the par-5 18th — to finish at 11-under 277, two shots clear of Shibuno at breezy Hoakalei Country Club. Kim earned \$300,000 for her fifth LPGA Tour title. “There were a lot of expectations but also a lot of support from friends and family,” said Kim, who won a major at age 19 in the 2014 Evian Championship. “There have been ups and downs and I think I am at the up part right now and I feel very proud, a little confident about the future and the outlook looks bright for me and I feel like I can do better moving forward.” The 26-year old South Korean star had a three-stroke lead after both the second and third rounds and held off a final-round push from Shibuno, the Japanese player who a bogey-free 70. Hye-Jin Choi was third at 7 under after a 69. Local qualifier Brianna Do started the round three strokes back of the lead, but struggled with a 77 and tied for 12th.

Immaculate inning for Yanks’ Cortes



Nestor Cortes made some Yankees history while putting on a pitching clinic Sunday in Baltimore. His fourth inning was as good as it gets: Nine pitches, nine strikes and three strikeouts facing the Orioles’ three, four and five hitters — Anthony Santander, Ryan McKenna and Robinson Chirnos. The immaculate inning was just the eighth in franchise history and first since Yankees reliever Michael King did it to the Red Sox last season. Cortes also became just the third Yankees left-hander to have an immaculate inning, joining Al Downing in 1967 and Ron Guidry in 1984. Cortes finished with a career-high 12 strikeouts over five-plus innings. With his pitch count at 88, Cortes was pulled from a scoreless game after allowing a sixth-inning leadoff single to Austin Hays. It was the second outstanding start in a row for Cortes, who worked 4 ½ shutout innings in his season debut facing the Blue Jays on Tuesday night at Yankee Stadium. The Yankees won that game 4-0. But Sunday, Cortes’ strong outing wasn’t enough. The Yankees went on to lose 5-0.

Victorious Spence covets ‘real fight’



There could be an undisputed, and still undefeated, welterweight champion later this year. Undefeated champs Errol Spence Jr. and Terence “Bud” Crawford may finally get in the ring together. Both have made it clear that is what they want to happen. Soon after WBC and IBF champion Spence, left, won his unification bout to take the WBA belt from Yordenis Ugás, WBO titleholder Crawford tweeted that it was time for the “real fight” to happen. “Everybody knows who I want next. I want Terence Crawford next,” Spence, 32, said after his scheduled 12-rounder with Ugás was stopped in the 10th round late Saturday night at AT&T Stadium in Arlington, Texas. “That’s the fight that I want. That’s the fight everybody else wants.” Spence (28-0, 22 knockouts) had already been talking about wanting to face the 34-year-old Crawford and the possibility of an undisputed championship even before adding his third belt. The 34-year-old Crawford (38-0, 29 knockouts) last fought in November, a 10th-round TKO of former champ Shawn Porter. That was Crawford’s fifth defense of the WBO title. —News services



In his playoff debut Saturday, Anthony Edwards had 36 points to lead the Timberwolves over the Grizzlies. JUSTIN FORD/GETTY

NBA PLAYOFFS

No signs of stage fright

Young stars seize bright spotlight of postseason

By Teresa M. Walker
Associated Press

MEMPHIS, Tenn. — Anthony Edwards is sharing the NBA’s brightest lights with one of the league’s most talked about young stars in Ja Morant. And Edwards has stepped boldly into the playoff spotlight. Edwards outdueled Morant and took some of the shine off the All-Star point guard in Game 1 helping the Timberwolves grab home-court advantage from the Grizzlies. Morant still had his share of high-flying highlights to make clear their entertaining first-round series is far from over. The Timberwolves’ young star credits Memphis’ fans — not facing off against Morant — for igniting his game. “They talk so much trash,” Edwards said. “Even the kids! The kids was the worst ones. Even eight years old, 10 years old, ‘Anthony go sit down! You suck!’ It’s just fun. Basketball is fun to me. I love it.” This series probably won’t be the last time Edwards goes toe-to-toe with the Grizzlies’ MVP candidate. Their budding Western Conference rivalry was only part of the show put on by young talented players who embraced the opening of the NBA playoffs. Tyrese Maxey got the postseason going with a 38-point performance for the 76ers in his second NBA postseason. Edwards followed with 36 points in his debut, while Morant countered

with 32. Jordan Poole finished with 30 points Saturday for the Warriors in his first postseason game starting for Stephen Curry. It was the first time the NBA had more than two 30-point playoff performances on the same day by players 22 or younger. Edwards and Morant were the first 22 or younger to score at least 30 points in the same playoff game in NBA history. And Edwards is the youngest of that group at 20. The 2020 No. 1 overall pick snatched some of the attention away from Morant, the No. 2 overall pick in the 2019 draft and 2020 NBA rookie of the year. Morant led the Grizzlies to their highest playoff seeding ever at No. 2 overall and the second-best record in the league with 56 wins. “I think he’s comfortable with a lot more things that he’s seeing out there,” Timberwolves coach Chris Finch said of Edwards. “He’s just doing everything, not holding and he’s not surveying as much he’s just going and that’s a sign of really trusting your own talent.” All-Star center Karl-Anthony Towns believes Edwards is just scratching the surface of his potential and talent. “He’s a special talent,” Towns said of Edwards, who turns 21 Aug. 5. “He’s shown it night in and night out. When he’s playing basketball at this kind of level, he’s almost unstoppable. He is unstoppable actually.” The Timberwolves, fresh off beating the Clippers in the play-in game, won their first playoff opener since 2004. That’s when they beat the Nuggets in the first round on their way to the Western Conference finals.

Towns added 29 points and 13 rebounds in Saturday’s victory. Malik Beasley had 23 points, and Jaden McDaniels 15. Patrick Beverley and D’Angelo Russell had 10 apiece. “We did a lot of little things that are needed to win,” Towns said. “We should be very proud of our performance.” Dillon Brooks added 24 points for the second-seeded Grizzlies. Brandon Clarke had 13 points and 12 rebounds off the bench. Desmond Bane scored 17 points and Jaren Jackson Jr. had 12. “I feel like most of the stuff was on us,” Morant said. “That’s why we lost.” Game 2 is Tuesday night in Memphis. This is the first time the Timberwolves and Grizzlies have met in the playoffs, but it could be the first of many thanks to their budding superstars. Morant and Edwards share much in common. Both are part of two of the NBA’s youngest teams rebuilding around high draft picks. Neither the Grizzlies nor Timberwolves are shy about confidently saying how good they already are or believing they deserve more time on the NBA’s national stage. A couple of the players’ fathers seem to believe there will be more Timberwolves-Grizzlies showdowns on the horizon. Tee Morant and Karl Towns Sr., who hugged each other late in the Timberwolves Game 1 win, apparently have a friendly bet on this series with the loser wearing the jersey of the winner’s son. It’s clear the families are enjoying the show, and so are basketball fans.

NBA PLAYOFFS

Jokic, Embiid, Antetokounmpo finalists for MVP

News services

Nikola Jokic is a finalist to win a second straight NBA MVP award, along with two-time winner Giannis Antetokounmpo and Joel Embiid. The NBA unveiled the top-three finishers in voting for its individual awards Sunday, with the expected names in the running for the marquee award. Jokic, the Denver Nuggets center, ended Antetokounmpo’s two-year reign last season and was every bit as good this season. Embiid, hoping to join them in the MVP club, led the NBA in scoring. The winners of the awards will be announced during the postseason. The other finalists are: Defensive player of the year, Mikal Bridges (Phoenix), Rudy Gobert (Utah) and Marcus Smart (Boston); coach of the year, Taylor Jenkins (Memphis), Erik Spoelstra (Miami) and Monty Williams (Phoenix); most improved player, Darius Garland (Cleveland), Ja Morant (Memphis) and De’jaun Murray (San Antonio); rookie of the year, Scottie Barnes (Toronto), Cade Cunningham (Detroit) and Evan Mobley (Cleveland); sixth man of the year, Tyler Herro (Miami), Cam Johnson (Phoenix) and Kevin Love (Cleveland).

Robinson heats up for Heat: Duncan Robinson set a franchise playoff record with eight 3-pointers, and the Heat forced Trae Young into matching the worst-shooting game of his career on the way to a 115-91 win over the Hawks in Game 1 of an Eastern Conference first-round series Sunday. Robinson scored 27 points on 9-of-10 shooting for the host Heat, 8 of 9 from 3-point range. Jimmy Butler scored 21, P.J. Tucker added 16 and Kyle Lowry had 10. Young went 1-for-12, matching his effort against the Bulls on Jan. 23, 2019. Danilo Gallinari led the Hawks with 17 points. De’Andre Hunter scored 14 and John Collins added 10 in the loss. Game 2 is Tuesday in Miami.

Doncic unlikely for Game 2: All-Star Luka Doncic remains unlikely to play in Game 2 of the Mavericks’ Western Conference series against the Jazz as he progresses in his recovery from a strained left calf, ESPN reported Sunday. Doncic would have to make dramatic improvement in the next 24 hours to be cleared to play. He missed the Mavericks’ series-opening loss Saturday.

MONDAY’S GAMES

76ers vs. Raptors

Where, when, TV: Philadelphia; 7:30 p.m. EDT; TNT. **Bottom line:** The 76ers lead the Eastern Conference first-round series 1-0. They beat the Raptors 131-111 in Game 1. Tyrese Maxey led the 76ers with 38 points, and Pascal Siakam led the Raptors with 24 points. The 76ers are 6-6 in one-possession games. The Raptors are eighth in the NBA with 45.3 rebounds per game. Siakam paces the Raptors with 8.5. **Top performers:** Joel Embiid is averaging 30.6 points, 11.7 rebounds, 4.2 assists and 1.5 blocks for the 76ers. Maxey is averaging 20.1 points and 3.9 assists over the last 10 games. Fred VanVleet is averaging 20.3 points, 6.7 assists and 1.7 steals for the Raptors. Siakam is averaging 26.8 points and 9.6 rebounds while shooting 51.6% over the last 10 games.

Mavericks vs. Jazz

Where, when, TV: Dallas; 8:30 p.m. EDT; NBA TV. **Bottom line:** The Jazz lead the Western Conference first-round series 1-0. They beat the Mavericks 99-93 in Game 1. Donovan Mitchell led the Jazz with 32 points, and Jalen Brunson led the Mavs with 24 points. The Mavs are 36-16 against conference opponents. They average 108.0 points overall. The Jazz are 33-19 in the conference and third in the NBA with 46.3 rebounds per game. **Top performers:** Luka Doncic is scoring 28.4 points per game and averaging 9.1 rebounds for the Mavericks, but he missed Game 1 with a strained left calf and is doubtful for Game 2. Brunson is averaging 17.4 points and 5.6 rebounds over the last 10 games. Rudy Gobert is averaging 15.6 points, 14.7 rebounds and 2.1 blocks for the Jazz. Mitchell is averaging 24.5 points over the last 10 games.

Warriors vs. Nuggets

Where, when, TV: San Francisco; 10 p.m. EDT; TNT. **Bottom line:** The Warriors lead the Western Conference first-round series 1-0. They beat the Nuggets 123-107 in Game 1. Jordan Poole led the Warriors with 30 points, and Nikola Jokic led the Nuggets with 25 points. The Warriors are 33-19 against conference opponents. The Nuggets are 29-23 in the conference. **Top performers:** Stephen Curry is averaging 25.5 points, 5.2 rebounds and 6.3 assists for the Warriors. Klay Thompson is averaging 5.9 made 3-pointers over the last 10 games. Jokic is averaging 27.1 points, 13.8 rebounds, 7.9 assists and 1.5 steals for the Nuggets. Aaron Gordon is averaging 18.7 points over the last 10 games.

SCOREBOARD

NBA

PLAYOFF SCHEDULE
EAST FIRST ROUND*(Best-of-7; x-if necessary)*

#1 Miami 1, #8 Atlanta 0

Sunday: Miami 115-91

Tuesday: at Miami, 7:30 p.m.

Friday: at Atlanta, 7 p.m.

April 24: at Atlanta, 7 p.m.

x-April 26: at Miami, TBD

x-April 28: at Atlanta, TBD

x-April 30: at Miami, TBD

#2 Boston 1, #7 Brooklyn 0

Sunday: Boston 115-114

Wednesday: at Boston, 7 p.m.

Saturday: at Brooklyn, 7:30 p.m.

April 25: at Brooklyn, TBD

x-April 27: at Boston, TBD

x-April 29: at Brooklyn, TBD

x-May 1: at Boston, TBD

#3 Milwaukee 1, #6 Chicago 0

Sunday: Milwaukee 93-86

Wednesday: at Milwaukee, 9:30 p.m.

Friday: at Chicago, 8:30 p.m.

April 24: at Chicago, 1 p.m.

x-April 27: at Milwaukee, TBD

x-April 29: at Chicago, TBD

x-May 1: at Milwaukee, TBD

#4 Philadelphia 1, #5 Toronto 0

April 16: Philadelphia 131-111

Monday: at Philadelphia, 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday: at Toronto, 8 p.m.

Friday: at Toronto, 2 p.m.

x-April 25: at Philadelphia, TBD

x-April 28: at Toronto, TBD

x-April 30: at Philadelphia, TBD

WEST FIRST ROUND

#1 Phoenix vs. #8 New Orleans

Sunday: at Phoenix, late

Tuesday: at Phoenix, 10 p.m.

Friday: at New Orleans, 9:30 p.m.

April 24: at New Orleans, 9:30 p.m.

x-April 26: at Phoenix, TBD

x-April 28: at New Orleans, TBD

x-April 30: at Phoenix, TBD

#7 Minnesota 1, #2 Memphis 0

April 16: Minnesota 130-117

Tuesday: at Memphis, 8:30 p.m.

Thursday: at Minnesota, 7:30 p.m.

April 23: at Minnesota, 10 p.m.

x-April 26: at Memphis, TBD

x-April 29: at Minnesota, TBD

x-May 1: at Memphis, TBD

#3 Golden State 1, #6 Denver 0

April 16: Golden State 123-107

Monday: at Golden State, 10 p.m.

Thursday: at Denver, 10 p.m.

April 24: at Denver, 3:30 p.m.

x-April 27: at Golden State, TBD

x-April 29: at Denver, TBD

x-May 1: at Golden State, TBD

#5 Utah 1, #4 Dallas 0

April 16: Utah 99, Dallas 93

Monday: at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.

Thursday: at Utah, 9 p.m.

Saturday: at Utah, 4:30 p.m.

x-April 25: at Dallas, TBD

x-April 28: at Utah, TBD

x-April 30: at Dallas, TBD

NBA AWARDS FINALISTS
COACH OF THE YEAR

Taylor Jenkins, Memphis Grizzlies

Erik Spoelstra, Miami Heat

Monty Williams, Phoenix Suns

DEFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE YEAR

Mikal Bridges, Phoenix Suns

Rudy Gobert, Utah Jazz

Marcus Smart, Boston Celtics

MOST IMPROVED PLAYER

Darius Garland, Cleveland Cavaliers

Ja Morant, Memphis Grizzlies

Dejounte Murray, San Antonio Spurs

MOST VALUABLE PLAYER

Giannis Antetokounmpo, Milwaukee

Joel Embiid, Philadelphia 76ers

Nikola Jokic, Denver Nuggets

ROOKIE OF THE YEAR

Scottie Barnes, Toronto Raptors

Cade Cunningham, Detroit Pistons

Evan Mobley, Cleveland Cavaliers

SIXTH MAN OF THE YEAR

Tyler Herro, Miami Heat

Cam Johnson, Phoenix Suns

Kevin Love, Cleveland Cavaliers

Winners of each award during its coverage of the NBA Playoffs presented by Google Pixel. Each voter's complete ballot for each award will be posted at PR.NBA.com after the announcement of all end-of-season awards.

USFL

All games in Birmingham, Ala.

NORTH	W	L	T	PCT	PF	PA
Pittsburgh	0	0	0	.000	000	000
New Jersey	0	1	0	.000	24	28
Michigan	0	1	0	.000	12	17
Philadelphia	0	1	0	.000	017	023

SOUTH	W	L	T	PCT	PF	PA
Birmingham	1	0	0	1.000	28	24
Houston	1	0	0	1.000	17	12
New Orleans	1	0	0	1.000	023	017
Tampa Bay	0	0	0	.000	000	000

WEEK 1
SUNDAY'S RESULTS

Houston 17, Michigan 13

New Orleans 23, Philadelphia 17

MONDAY'S GAME

Tampa Bay at Pittsburgh 7p.m.

SATURDAY'S RESULT

Birmingham 28, New Jersey 24

WEEK 2
FRIDAY'S GAME

Michigan at New Jersey, 8p.m.

SATURDAY'S GAMES

Pittsburgh at Philadelphia, noon

Birmingham at Houston, 7p.m.

SUNDAY, APRIL 24

New Orleans at Tampa Bay, 3p.m.

WEEK 3
SATURDAY, APRIL 30

Tampa Bay at Houston, 4p.m.

Birmingham at New Orleans, 8p.m.

SUNDAY, MAY 1

Pittsburgh at Michigan, 2:30p.m.

New Jersey at Philadelphia, 8p.m.

NFL

FIRST-ROUND DRAFT ORDER

Draft: April 28-29 in Paradise, Nev.

PK TEAM	REC	SOS
1 Jacksonville Jaguars	3-14	.512
2 Detroit Lions	3-13-1	.528
3 Houston Texans	4-13	.498
4 N.Y. Jets	4-13	.512
5 N.Y. Giants	4-13	.536
6 Carolina Panthers	5-12	.509
7 NY Giants (from Chi)	6-11	.524
8 Atlanta Falcons	7-10	.472
9 Seattle (from Den)	7-10	.484
10 N.Y. Jets (from Sea)	7-10	.519
11 Washington Comm.	7-10	.529
12 Minnesota Vikings	8-9	.507
13 Houston (from Cle)	8-9	.514
14 Baltimore Ravens	8-9	.531
15 Philadelphia (from Mia)	8-9	.464
16 N.O. (from Ind. thru Phila.)	7-10	.484
17 L.A. Chargers	9-8	.510
18 Phi (from New Or.)	9-8	.512
19 New Or. (from Phila.)	7-10	.484
20 Pittsburgh Steelers	9-7-1	.521
21 New England Patriots	10-7	.481
22 Green Bay (from LV)	10-7	.510
23 Arizona Cardinals	11-6	.490
24 Dallas Cowboys	12-5	.488
25 Buffalo Bills	11-6	.472
26 Tennessee Titans	12-5	.472
27 Tampa Bay Buccaneers	13-4	.467
28 Green Bay Packers	13-4	.479
29 KC (from SF via Mia)	10-7	.500
30 Cincinnati Bengals	12-5	.538
31 Cincinnati Bengals	10-7	.472
32 Detroit (from LA Rams)	12-5	.483

Round 1: Thursday, April 28

Rounds 2-3: Friday, April 29

Rounds 4-7: Saturday, April 30

Records, strength of schedule are for team that originally owned pick

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NHL

EASTERN CONFERENCE

ATLANTIC	GP	W	L	OT	PTS	GF	GA
x-Florida	75	54	15	6	114	317	218
x-Toronto	75	49	20	6	104	291	233
x-Tampa Bay	75	46	21	8	100	250	212
x-Boston	75	46	24	5	97	233	203
Buffalo	78	29	37	10	68	214	291
Detroit	76	29	37	10	68	214	291
Ottawa	75	28	40	7	63	204	244
Montreal	76	20	45	11	51	197	295
METRO.	GP	W	L	OT	PTS	GF	GA
x-Carolina	76	48	20	8	104	251	187
x-N.Y. Rangers	76	49	21	6	104	235	191
x-Pittsburgh	77	43	23	11	97	254	215
Washington	75	42	23	10	94	260	223
N.Y. Islanders	74	35	30	9	79	206	206
Columbus	75	35	34	6	76	241	276
New Jersey	75	26	42	7	59	231	278
Philadelphia	76	23	42	11	57	196	278

WESTERN CONFERENCE

CENTRAL	GP	W	L	OT	PTS	GF	GA
z-Colorado	75	55	14	6	116	294	206
x-St. Louis	76	46	20	10	102	288	219
x-Minnesota	75	47	21	7	101	281	235
Dallas	75	43	27	5	91	219	221
Nashville	76	43	28	5	91	244	225
Winnipeg	76	35	30	11	81	235	245
Chicago	75	25	39	11	61	202	268
Arizona	75	22	48	5	49	183	287
PACIFIC	GP	W	L	OT	PTS	GF	GA
x-Calgary	75	46	20	9	101	268	188
Edmonton	76	44	26	6	94	264	235
Los Angeles	77	40	27	10	90	222	226
Vegas	76	41	30	5	87	244	226
Vancouver	75	37	28	10	84	224	211
Anaheim	76	29	33	14	72	213	249
San Jose	75	29	34	12	70	195	241
Seattle	74	24	44	6	54	193	258

NOTE: Two points for a win, one point for overtime loss. Top three teams in each division and two wild cards per conference advance to playoffs.

x-clinched playoff spot

y-clinched division

z-clinched conference

SUNDAY'S RESULTS

Florida 6, Detroit 1

Buffalo 5, Philadelphia 3

Minnesota 5, San Jose 4 (OT)

St. Louis 8, Nashville 3

N.Y. Islanders at Toronto, late

Columbus at Anaheim, late

MONDAY'S GAMES

Calgary at Chicago, 8p.m.

Washington at Colorado, 9p.m.

Carolina at Arizona, 10p.m.

New Jersey at Vegas, 10p.m.

Ottawa at Seattle, 10p.m.

Dallas at Vancouver, 10:30p.m.

TUESDAY'S GAMES

Detroit at Tampa Bay, 7p.m.

Minnesota at Montreal, 7p.m.

Philadelphia at Toronto, 7p.m.

Winnipeg at N.Y. Rangers, 7p.m.

Florida at N.Y. Islanders, 7:30p.m.

Boston at St. Louis, 8p.m.

Calgary at Nashville, 8p.m.

Los Angeles at Anaheim, 10p.m.

Ottawa at Vancouver, 10p.m.

Columbus at San Jose, 10:30p.m.

WEDNESDAY'S GAMES

Dallas at Edmonton, 8:30p.m.

Chicago at Arizona, 10p.m.

Colorado at Seattle, 10p.m.

Washington at Vegas, 10p.m.

SATURDAY'S RESULTS

N.Y. Rangers 4, Detroit 0

Boston 2, Pittsburgh 1

Nashville 4, Chicago 3

St. Louis 6, Minnesota 5 (OT)

Edmonton 4, Vegas 0

Buffalo 4, Philadelphia 3

Tampa Bay 7, Winnipeg 4

Toronto 5, Ottawa 4 (OT)

Washington 8, Montreal 4

Dallas 2, San Jose 1

Colorado 7, Carolina 4

Calgary 9, Arizona 1

Seattle 4, New Jersey 3 (SO)

Los Angeles 2, Columbus 1

SCORING LEADERS

POINTS, TM	GP	G	A	PPTS
Connor McDavid, EDM	75	42	68	110
Jonathan Huberdeau, FLA	70	30	78	108
Johnny Gaudreau, CGY	75	36	69	105
Leon Draisaitl, EDM	75	54	51	105
Auston Matthews, TOR	70	58	44	102
Matthew Tkachuk, CGY	75	39	57	96
Mitch Marner, TOR	66	33	60	93
Kirill Kaprizov, MIN	73	43	50	93
J.T. Miller, VAN	73	29	62	91
Mikko Rantanen, COL	72	36	55	91
Artemi Panarin, NYR	71	22	68	90
Roman Josi, NSH	73	20	68	88
Patrick Kane, CHI	71	25	63	88
Alex Connor, WPG	73	43	44	87
Alex Ovechkin, WSH	73	47	39	86

GOALS, TM

GP	G	A	G/G	
Au. Matthews, TOR	70	58	44	0.83
Leon Draisaitl, EDM	75	54	51	0.72
Chris Kreider, NYR	76	50	52	0.66
Alex Ovechkin, WSH	73	47	39	0.64
Kyle Connor, WPG	73	43	44	0.59
Kirill Kaprizov, MIN	73	43	50	0.59
Connor McDavid, EDM	75	42	68	0.56
Alex DeBrincat, CHI	75	39	33	0.52
Matt Duchene, NSH	71	39	37	0.55
Elias Lindholm, CGY	75	39	39	0.52
Matthew Tkachuk, CGY	75	39	57	0.52

THROUGH SATURDAY

AUTO RACING

NASCAR CUP FOOD CITY

Lineup for late Sunday race at Bristol Motor Speedway Dirt; Bristol, Tenn.; Lap length: 0.53 miles.

SP DRIVER	#	MAKE
1 Cole Custer	41	Ford
2 Christopher Bell	20	Toyota
3 Tyler Reddick	8	Chevrolet
4 Chase Briscoe	14	Ford
5 Kyle Larson	5	Chevrolet
6 Justin Haley	31	Chevrolet
7 Ty Dillon	42	

WEATHER

MONDAY

SUNRISE NOON SUNSET

Thickening cloudiness, turning breezy. North wind becoming east at 5 to 15 mph. Rain develops at night.

HIGH 58° LOW 37°

TUESDAY

SUNRISE NOON SUNSET

Early morning rain tapering off to scattered showers, increasing sunshine, breezy and cool.

HIGH 51° LOW 38°

WEDNESDAY

SUNRISE NOON SUNSET

Mostly sunny, breezy and milder.

HIGH 57° LOW 37°

THURSDAY

SUNRISE NOON SUNSET

Variable cloudiness, slight chance for a shower late, breezy and seasonable.

HIGH 61° LOW 45°

FRIDAY

SUNRISE NOON SUNSET

Partly to mostly sunny, breezy and delightful.

HIGH 70° LOW 45°

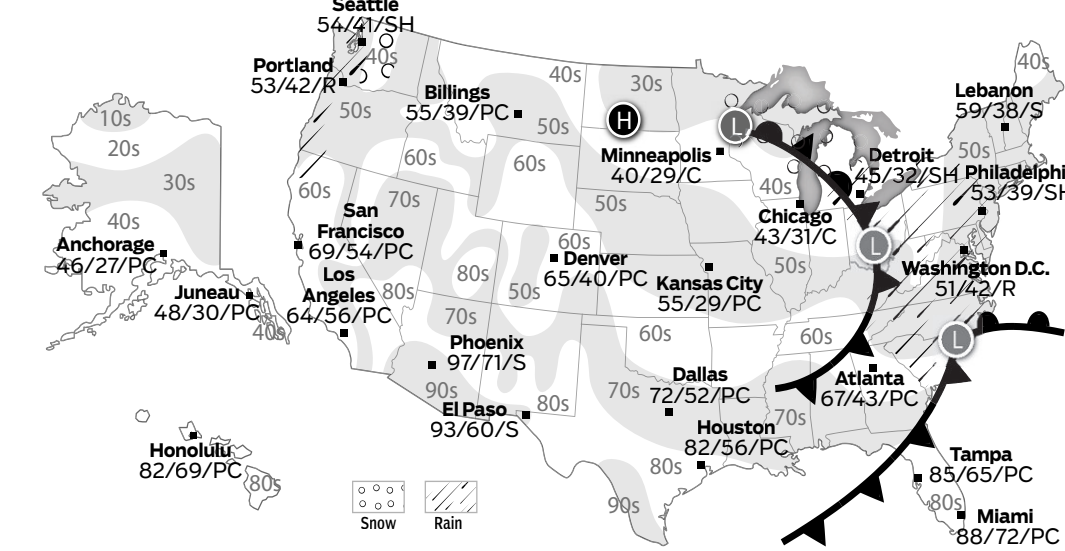
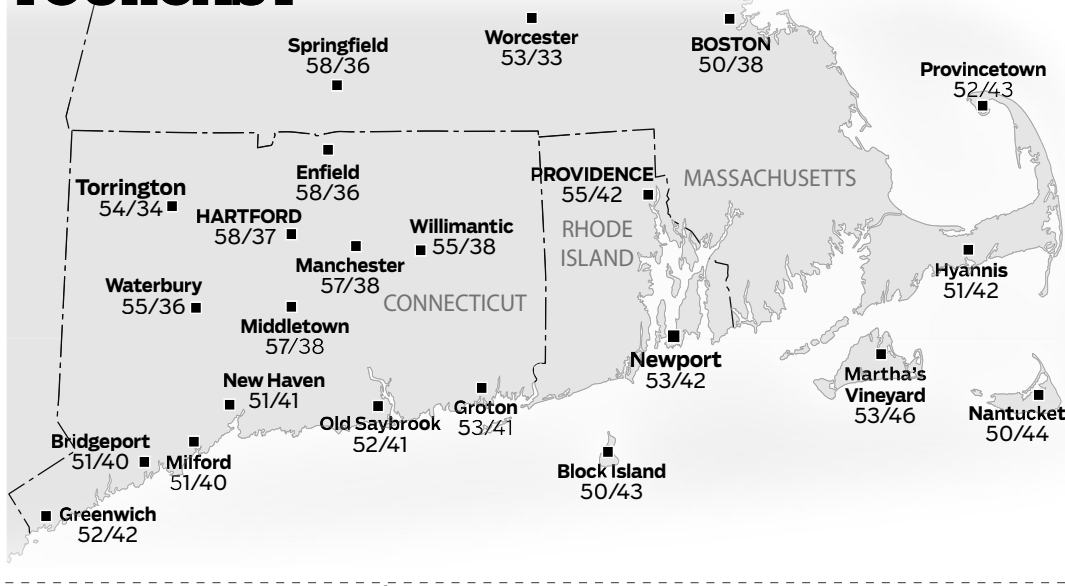
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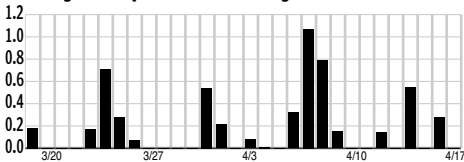
High pressure will bring some sunshine into midday Monday before a storm system over the Carolinas spreads thickening cloudiness northward into the state. Periods of rain will be developing this evening and it will continue into early Tuesday before tapering off to a few scattered showers. There will be increasing afternoon sunshine. High temperatures will be in the upper 50s on Monday and in the low 50s on Tuesday. After another cooler than normal day on Wednesday, temperatures will be returning to seasonable levels on Thursday.

-Gary Lessor

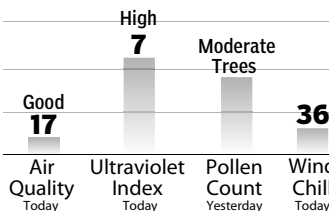
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Precipitation In Inches	Total Normal
Yesterday (by 7 p.m.)	0.28 0.12
Month to date	3.60 2.16
Total this year	13.08 12.38
Precipitation, temperature at Windsor Locks	

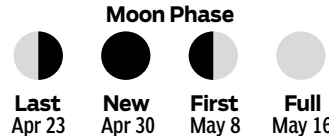
30-day Precipitation History In Inches



Air Quality Forecast For Today



	Today	Tomorrow
Sunrise	6:07 a.m.	6:05 a.m.
Sunset	7:34 p.m.	7:35 p.m.
Moonrise	10:14 p.m.	11:31 p.m.
Moonset	7:11 a.m.	7:48 a.m.



Tides	High	Low	Temp.
N.L. State Pier	11:16 a.m.	5:34 a.m.	52°
Saybrook Jetty	11:31 p.m.	5:35 p.m.	51°
Connecticut River at Portland	2:40 a.m.	10:13 a.m.	
Madison	12:20 a.m.	6:41 a.m.	50°
New Haven	12:40 a.m.	7:05 a.m.	49°
Stamford	1:14 p.m.	7:15 p.m.	
River Stage at Hartford	12:44 a.m.	7:19 a.m.	51°
	1:18 p.m.	7:29 p.m.	

Boating	L.I. Sound W	L.I. Sound E	B.I. Sound
Weather	PM Clouds	PM Clouds	PCloudy
Wind	NE/SE, 5-10	NE/SE, 5-15	NE, 5-15
Seas	1 ft.	1-3 ft.	2-3 ft.

Temperature	High	Low
Sunday	50 at 1:48 p.m	38 at 5:38 a.m
Normal for date	61	39
Record for date	95 in 2002	25 in 1908
A year ago	55	41
Range this year	78	-2

AROUND THE WORLD

Today's forecast in cities not included in the maps above:

NEW ENGLAND	Baltimore 47 37 R	Nashville 60 35 C	San Juan 86 74 PC	Budapest 54 36 SH	Stockholm 62 33 PC
Bangor 58 37 S	42 23 PC	New Orleans 76 57 PC	Tucson 97 59 S	Kingston 84 74 T	64 52 PC
Burlington 56 39 PC	68 43 PC	New York 53 40 PC		Lisbon 64 52 PC	Sydney 79 61 PC
Caribou 50 31 S	47 33 SH	Okla. City 65 45 PC		London 63 48 C	Tel Aviv 88 64 PC
Concord 58 36 S	77 48 SH	Omaha 56 27 S		Madrid 77 46 SH	Tokyo 64 50 SH
Montpelier 52 32 S	47 32 C	Orlando 88 64 PC		Mexico City 87 56 PC	Toronto 43 36 R
Mt. Wash. 28 17 PC	45 35 R	Pittsburgh 45 34 R		Milan 66 46 PC	Vancouver 46 43 R
Portland 52 38 S	46 32 C	Raleigh 52 39 R		Montreal 55 37 SH	Warsaw 50 36 S
Woods Hole 52 44 PC	43 30 C	San Diego 67 58 PC		Moscow 45 34 S	
NATION	Jacksonville 83 56 PC	St. Louis 52 35 PC		New Delhi 108 79 S	
Albany 58 38 PC	Las Vegas 92 68 PC	Salt Lake City 74 50 PC		Paris 66 48 S	
Albuquerque 82 52 PC	Miami Beach 82 73 PC	San Antonio 85 61 PC		Prague 55 39 PC	
Atlantic City 53 38 SH	Milwaukee 42 30 C	Bermuda 74 68 PC		Rio de Janeiro 81 63 R	
	KEY: S Sunny, C Cloudy, PC Partly Cloudy, R Rain, SH Showers, SN Snow, SF Snow Flurries, T T-storms			Rome 68 43 C	
				Seoul 68 48 C	
				Singapore 93 75 T	

LOCAL SCOREBOARD

Saturday's late high school result
SOFTBALL
ECC
MONTVILLE 3, WINDHAM 1
M 000-021-0—3-5-0
W 010-000-0—1-5-3
WP: Lilian Corrice. LP: Analise Escarramann.
Rec.: M—1-3; W—5-2. Note: Escarraman struck out 14and Alyssa Figueroa had 2hits for Windham. Courto tossed a complete game with 13 strikeouts.
Monday's high school schedule
ALL GAMES AT 3:45 P.M. UNLESS NOTED
BASEBALL
CCC-Inter: Newington at East Catholic; Plainville at Conard; East Hartford at Maloney; Manchester at Platt; Berlin at Windsor; Hall at Middletown; Farmington at South Windsor; New Britain at Enfield; RHAM at Avon; Rocky Hill at Northwest Catholic; Glastonbury at Southington; Bristol Central at Simsbury; Tolland at Bloomfield co-op; E.O. Smith at Hartford Public/HMTCA; Lewis Mills at Wethersfield, 4p.m.
NCCC: Granby at Rockville; Bolton at Coventry; Somers at East Windsor; East Granby at Stafford, 4p.m.
Shoreline: Valley Regional at Old Saybrook, 11 a.m.; Morgan at Hale-Ray, noon; Westbrook at East Hampton, 4p.m.; Portland at Cromwell, 4 p.m.; Old Lyme at North Branford, 4p.m.; Haddam-Killingworth at Coginchaug, 4p.m.
CTC: Prince Tech at Cheney Tech; Grasso Tech at Windham Tech; Goodwin Tech at Vinal Tech; Platt Tech at Wilcox Tech
CRAL: Innovation at MLC, 3:30p.m.; Civic Leadership at Weaver; University/Classical at Parish Hill
SCC: Lyman Hall at Sheehan; Fairfield Prep at Hand; Cheshire at Notre Dame-West Haven; Shelton at Xavier, 4:30p.m.
NVL: Wolcott at St. Paul, 4p.m.
Others: Canton at Wamogo
SOFTBALL
CCC-Inter: Maloney at Manchester, 3p.m.; Avon at Middletown; Bloomfield at East Hartford; Windsor at Southington; Conard at Platt; New Britain at RHAM; Berlin at South Windsor; E.O. Smith at Hall; Plainville at Tolland; Enfield at Bristol Central; Hartford Public at Northwest Catholic; Lewis Mills at Wethersfield, 4p.m.;

Newington at Farmington, 4:15p.m.; Bristol Eastern at Glastonbury, 4:45p.m.; Rocky Hill at Simsbury, 6p.m.
NCCC: Somers at Rockville; Suffield at East Granby, 4p.m.
Shoreline: Old Saybrook at Valley Regional, 11a.m.; Hale-Ray at Morgan, 11a.m.; North Branford at Old Lyme, 4p.m.; East Hampton at Westbrook/Portland, 4p.m.; Coginchaug at Haddam-Killingworth, 4p.m.
CTC: Grasso Tech at Windham Tech, 10:30a.m.; Wilcox Tech at Platt Tech
CRAL: Innovation at MLC, 3:30p.m.; University/Classical at Parish Hill; Civic Leadership/Aerospac at Weaver
SCC: Amity at Sheehan; Cheshire at Lyman Hall; Mercy at Law; Hand at Hamden
NVL: St. Paul at Wolcott, 4:30p.m.
Others: Bulkeley at HMTCA; Bolton at Cheney Tech; East Catholic at East Windsor/SMSA, 4 p.m.; Gilbert at Canton, 4p.m.
BOYS LACROSSE
CCC-North: Rocky Hill at RHAM, 4:30p.m.
CCC-Central: Glastonbury at Hall, 4p.m.; East Catholic at Southington, 6p.m.
CCC-South: Maloney/Platt at Tolland; Lewis Mills at Bristol co-op, 5p.m.; Windsor at Middle-town, 6p.m.
CCC-Inter: Conard at Farmington, 4p.m.
SCC: Lyman Hall at Sheehan, 5p.m.
Others: Old Lyme at Bacon Academy, 4p.m.; Martha's Vineyard (Mass.) at Canton, 7p.m.; St. Paul at North Haven, 7p.m.
GIRLS LACROSSE
CCC-South: Bristol Central at Wethersfield, 5:15p.m.
NCCC: Suffield at Canton, 4p.m.
SCC: Lyman Hall at Sheehan, 7p.m.
Others: St. Paul at Housatonic, 5p.m.
BOYS VOLLEYBALL
CCC-East: South Windsor at Wethersfield, 5p.m.
CCC-West: Conard at Simsbury, 6p.m.
CCC-Inter: New Britain at Lewis Mills, 5p.m.; Maloney at East Hartford, 5p.m.; Bulkeley/SMSA at Hall, 6p.m.
SCC: Shelton at Hand, 10a.m.
Others: Xavier at NFA, 5p.m.; Wolcott Tech at Rockville, 5p.m.

BOYS GOLF
CCC-South: Bristol Eastern at Maloney, 3p.m.
CCC-Inter: Platt at RHAM, 3p.m.
NCCC: East Granby at Stafford, 3p.m.; Somers at Windsor Locks, 3p.m.; Bolton at Ellington, 3p.m.; Rockville at Canton, 3p.m.; Suffield at SMSA/HMTCA, 3p.m.
CTC: Kaynor Tech at Prince Tech, 2p.m.
SCC: Cheshire at Hamden, 2:15p.m.; Sheehan at Lyman Hall, 2:45p.m.
GIRLS GOLF
CCC-Inter: Glastonbury at Berlin, 3p.m.; Newington at Hall, 3p.m.; Simsbury at South Windsor, 3p.m.; Avon at Lewis Mills, 3p.m.; East Hartford at New Britain, 3p.m.; Northwest Catholic at Manchester, 3p.m.
NCCC: Canton at Suffield, 3p.m.
BOYS TENNIS
CCC-Inter: Bristol Central at RHAM; East Hartford at Platt/Maloney; Newington at Tolland; South Windsor at Hall; Wethersfield at Farmington; Enfield co-op at Southington; Rocky Hill at Glastonbury; Manchester at Conard; Lewis Mills at Simsbury; Plainville at New Britain
NCCC: Suffield at Ellington; Rockville at Windsor Locks, 4:30p.m.
Shoreline: East Hampton at Old Lyme, 10a.m.; Old Saybrook at Morgan, 10a.m.; Westbrook at Valley Regional; Cromwell at Portland
SCC: Lyman Hall at East Haven, 3:30p.m.
Others: Avon at Hand; North Haven at Wilcox Tech
GIRLS TENNIS
CCC-Inter: East Catholic at Avon, 3:30p.m.; Southington at Bristol Central; Plainville at Enfield; South Windsor at Berlin; E.O. Smith at Bloomfield; Farmington at Maloney; Middletown at Windsor; Glastonbury at Wethersfield; New Britain at Lewis Mills; Bristol Eastern at Hall, 4:30p.m.; East Hartford at Conard, 4:30p.m.
NCCC: Ellington at Suffield; Windsor Locks at Rockville; East Granby at Bolton, 4p.m.
Shoreline: North Branford at Haddam-Killingworth, 10a.m.; Valley Regional at Westbrook, 11 a.m.; Morgan at Old Saybrook, 11a.m.; Cromwell at Portland; East Hampton at Old Lyme
SCC: North Haven at Sheehan
NVL: St. Paul at Wolcott, 4:30p.m.
Others: Wilcox Tech at Lyman Hall; Bulkeley/

HMTC A at Canton, 4p.m.

Saturday's late college results

MEN'S LACROSSE

VIRGINIA 21, QUINNIPAC 9

MEN'S TENNIS

TRINITY 5, HAMILTON 4

HAMILTON 6, TRINITY 3

Sunday's college results

BASEBALL

HARTFORD 13, UMASS LOWELL 12

WESLEYAN 6, HAMILTON 3

BROWN 4, YALE 3

SOFTBALL

PRINCETON 12-5, YALE 0-4

Monday's college schedule

SOFTBALL

Providence at UConn, 2p.m.

St. Joseph at Anna Maria (2), 3p.m.

Tuesday's college schedule

BASEBALL

UMass at UConn, 3p.m.

Hartford at Marist, 3p.m.

Central at Quinnipiac, 3p.m.

Trinity at Dean, 3:30p.m.

Hofstra at Fairfield, 3:30p.m.

Keene State at Eastern, 4p.m.

SOFTBALL

Central at Sacred Heart (2), 1p.m.

Fairfield at Marist (2), 2p.m.

Trinity at Coast Guard (2), 3p.m.

Keene State at Eastern (2), 3p.m.

St. Joseph at Eastern Nazarene (2), 3p.m.

WOMEN'S LACROSSE

Union at Trinity, 6p.m.

BIG EAST BASEBALL

Team	CONF	CPCT	OVR	PCT
Creighton	6-0	1.000	21-8	.724
UConn	5-0	1.000	27-7	.794
Xavier	3-3	.500	19-18	.514

Georgetown	4-5	.444	22-14	.611
Villanova	4-5	.444	12-18-1	.403
Seton Hall	2-3	.400	8-25	.242
Butler	2-4	.333	16-20	.444
St. John's	0-5	.000	12-23	.343
Monday's schedule				
Arizona at Creighton, 7:30p.m.				
BIG EAST SOFTBALL				
Team	CONF	CPCT	OVR	PCT
UConn	14-3	.824	27-14	.659
Villanova	10-4	.714	22-19	.537
Providence	9-5	.643	22-13	.629
Butler	9-5	.643	22-14	.611
DePaul	9-6	.600	20-19	.513
Seton Hall	6-9	.400	17-17	.500
Creighton	4-12	.250	14-20	.412
Georgetown	3-10	.231	13-22	.371
St. John's	4-14	.222	10-30	.250
Monday's schedule				
Providence at UConn, 2p.m.				
EASTERN LEAGUE				
Northeast	W	L	PCT	GB
New Hampshire	6	3	.667	—
Somerset	6	3	.667	—
Hartford	4	5	.444	2
Portland	4	5	.444	2
Binghamton	3	5	.375	2.5
Reading	3	6	.333	3
Southwest	W	L	PCT	GB
Richmond	2	1	.667	—
Akron	5	4	.556	—
Harrisburg	5	4	.556	—
Bowie	4	4	.500	0.5
Erie	4	5	.444	1
Altoona	1	2	.333	1
Saturday's late results				
RICHMOND 8, ALTOONA 4				
SOMERSET 6, ERIE 0				
Sunday's results				
HARTFORD 4-0, NEW HAMPSHIRE 1-3				
BINGHAMTON 9, BOWIE 6				
SOMERSET 11, ERIE 4				
HARRISBURG 2, PORTLAND 1				
RICHMOND 6, ALTOONA 2				
Tuesday's schedule				
Richmond at Erie, 12:30p.m.				
Binghamton at Portland, 6p.m.				
New Hampshire at Altoona, 6p.m.				
Akron at Bowie, 6:30p.m.				
Harrisburg at Reading, 6:45p.m.				
Somerset at Hartford, 7p.m.				

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